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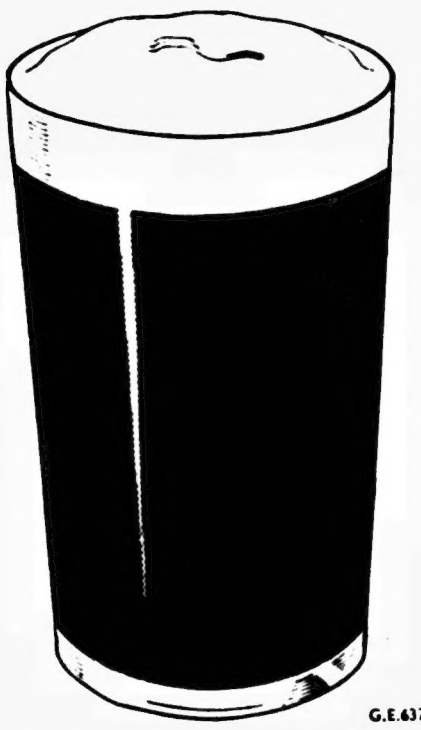

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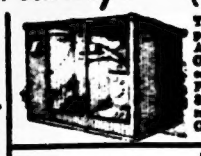

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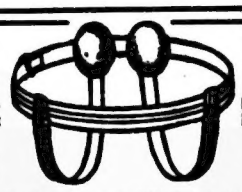

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This great **army of half a million** is composed of allotment **holders. Formerly they** possessed small **plots of land on the outskirts** of industrial **towns. They gave their time** and splendid **labour to the cultivation of the** soil.

They turned **barren wastes into fruitful** gardens. The **produce they gathered was** equal to an **extra five shillings a week in** wages to each **individual.**

With the **passing of time, however, the** good productive **land has been filched from** the cultivators. **For some avowed improvement** or other, **innumerable allotment areas** have been **taken by local authorities and** given over to **other uses.**

The extent **of the robbery can be** obtained from **these figures: In 1920, when** allotment gardening **achieved record dimensions,** there were **no fewer than 1,500,000 plots** in cultivation **in England and Wales.**

◆ **Since then a third of those allotments have been swept away. In Scotland the allotment acreage has been halved during recent years.**

Here are examples of what is happening in this way. We give as one instance the case of Cardiff.

There is a spread of land within the boundaries of the city which was parcelled out to 709 holders. **The space was scheduled** by the City Council as **permanent**—mark the word allotments. Many of the men who secured a holding were unemployed. Others are old-age pensioners.

Faithfully the holders tilled the land to good purpose. By volunteer labour they erected a garden pavilion, at a cost of £200, in which to hold their fruit and vegetable shows.

Huts were built on the majority of the plots for the stowage of tools and seed. Many of these huts were bought on the instalment plan, and payments will have to be made. The men were proud to make their plots valuable, and praiseworthy, because they were assured the land was for "permanent" allotments."

◆ Now the holders have received notice to quit their permanent allotments. For the reason that the land is declared to be needed for an extension of Cardiff airport.

Forgotten is the pledge to the allotment-holders of permanency.

Their time, effort and money is completely thrown away. If alternative land is ultimately provided for them, it cannot be in the same accessible locality, and will need infinite labour in preparation.

Yet there is **grave doubt in the minds of** some experts **that, even when it has** swallowed the **allotments, the airport will be** entirely satisfactory for civil aviation and Service use.

Deprived of the land he has cultivated for years . . .

Choose almost any part of Britain, and the same scandalous story can be told of allotment-holders summarily kicked out.

When the last annual conference of the National Allotment Society was held, attended by three hundred delegates, evidence was given of wholesale appropriation of allotment land.

Some years ago a city council in the North of England purchased a large acreage of open country for permanent allotments.

As the city spread outward an arterial road was constructed alongside the plot-holders' territory. Ever since then the council has been snatching away portions of the permanent allotments for building.

Now a new housing estate has developed in the vicinity, and it is proposed to rob the allotment-holders of a further large slice of land in order to erect an estate office, a library and a clinic.

Actually the site selected for this prospective improvement would seem to be quite unsuitable. It is where five important roads converge, making it a dangerous zone for the women and children who will visit these corporation buildings.

Frequently it happens that local councils grab allotments to make a town profit. The land, usually in the first instance a rather derelict, unprepossessing quarter, has become valuable through the levelling, cleaning and drainage carried out by the working-men cultivators.

◆ Jealous eyes then are cast. Offers are made by speculative builders for purchase. Finally the temptation becomes too strong. The council sells. Once again the allotment-holders are sacrificed.

In one Midland town the allotment portion is to be seized to make a playing field. This open space is to be laid out as part of the local Coronation celebrations.

We do not suggest, in our earnest pleading on behalf of the million remaining allotment-holders of the country, that legitimate building operations, town developments, and the resettlement of workers from slum areas should be delayed.

Naturally, it may be essential in certain districts to schedule allotment land for other purposes.

But this is the plain fact: In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, allotments are selected when there is plenty of other land more suitable.

Why? Just this: the law under which allotments are administered is intrinsically unsound. Protection afforded by law to the ordinary tenant of a small agricultural or market garden holding is denied the allotment-holder.

It is essential in the national interest that allotment-holders be afforded security of tenure.

It can be done easily, if the Minister of Agriculture will devote his attention to the problem.

Remember what the allotment-holders did to supplement food supplies during the War.

We are surfeited with plans for national defence. But no thought is given by Whitehall to the part which allotment-holders may be called on to play in a future emergency.

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

Cruel Blow for Poor Widows

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HALF a million widows get no State pension. Nearly one hundred thousand of them are destitute, compelled to rely on public "relief"—the old Poor Law in a new guise—for the meanest existence.

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As you know, we have long championed their right to an extension of the widows' pension scheme.

Stony Answer

Well, Neville Chamberlain has at last answered the pleas for this merciful reform. His answer is "No."

He does not say whether he considers it fair that some widows can obtain the 10s. a week pension at fifty-five while so many others must wait until they are seventy.

Nor does he excuse the harshness of denying the pension to widows whose husbands, dying under the age of seventy, left only 102 or 103 stamps on their insurance cards instead of the requisite 104.

Neville merely says "No."

Passing the Buck

We are glad to see powerful daily newspapers expressing their anger at his refusal. We shall welcome their support in our campaign.

And, in the end, that campaign will be successful. Make no mistake about it.

Neville, retiring Chancellor, has passed the buck to his successor. The new Chancellor, before many years are out, will have to yield to public opinion.

Church Parade Oft

Climb-down by the Blackpool education committee, who wanted to compel local teachers to attend church with school children at special religious services, is right. But the question should never have arisen.

Too much of this dictatorial nonsense is attempted nowadays. The Blackpool teachers have shown how to deal with it.

A blant refusal is the way.

Union Trouble Makers

Trade union leaders are right in their move to weed out the "rabble-rousers" who are behind unofficial strikes.

Fred Smith: Public's behind him

Mr. Fred A. Smith, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, has responsible trade unionists and the public behind him when he says: "Either the constitution must be observed by those who undertook to do so when entering the union, or they must accept the consequences of their disloyalty."

A fair statement, that. No room for quibbling.

Muddle

Extension of drink hours has met with the usual topsy-turvy treatment. Some magistrates have allowed that Coronation is a "special occasion" and have granted extensions of time; others don't see it that way.

This serves to show once again the need for a national ruling on points of this kind.

Crass

Yet another burden for poor parents!

A Yorkshire labourer has five children. Only one, a girl of fifteen and a half, is old enough to work. She finds a job for two half-days a week.

The jealous law soon takes it from her. She must either work full time or go back to school—so her parents are deprived of a few much-needed shillings. That case is one of many. Equally common is the official short-sightedness such cases display.

Heavy-Handed

Bringing the hand of Justice down heavily, South Wales magistrates fined Mr. Alfred Davies £5 and costs for "conduct that might lead to a breach of the peace."

Lord Hewart: Watches Points

Mr. Davies, executive of South Wales Miners Federation, was accused of persisting in an attempt to address a meeting outside Taff Merthyr Colliery, Trelewis.

In a King's Bench Divisional Court Lord Hewart quashed the magistrate's decision. Even if facts were proved, said Lord Hewart, the only decision could be to bind over Mr. Davies, possibly order him to find sureties.

Why does this sort of case occur so frequently?

Economic Rents

Thank goodness there's some evidence now and then that local authorities do exist who have a real knowledge of what working men can afford to pay in rents.

Filey Urban Council has just opened its new housing estate at Newthorpe. Rents: 3s. 2½d. a week; rates: 2s. 3½d.; water: 6d. Each house has two downstairs rooms, three bedrooms, bathroom and a large garden.

Councils that charge twice as much—and more—might borrow plans and details from Filey.

This Freedom

Tens of thousands of lads must wonder if life is worth living.

Ministry of Labour reports that in London alone 7,069 boys under eighteen work more than seventy-two hours a week. Thousands more for fifty-four hours and over. Fortunately, there are signs that our statesmen are beginning to realise that this disgraceful exploiting of the young is the surest way to make C3 adults.

Think Again, Sir John

Witness Sir John Simon's warning to employers that they must prepare to reduce the working hours of women and young people.

With luck, it should soon occur to Sir John that with a shorter week for men as well, our unemployment figures would drop with a welcome rapidity.

Women Must Weep

There is a tragic widow living among the fisherfolk of Thurso. She ought to hate the sea. Twenty years ago her husband and eldest son were drowned. Now, at seventy years of age, she is mourning the loss of two more sons who perished in their little boat off Dunnet Head.

And you know how little fishermen are paid!

Greathearts in Blue

Last week two policemen were injured in stopping runaway horses. Three risked their lives to save people from drowning.

No doubt they'll modestly say it was just part of the day's work. But it helps to show why, despite our occasional criticism, we regard the police as not only public servants, but public friends.

Justice is Late

Mrs. Kathleen Mortimer, of Gillingham, is now in jail for three months, convicted of neglecting her seven children, the youngest being only three weeks old. All were in a verminous, filthy state and in bad health.

Mrs. Mortimer was warned about her neglect seventeen times before her conviction. Would she have had so many chances to ill-treat an animal?

War Office Slack

Sympathise with the parents who, when listening to a B.B.C. news bulletin, heard for the first time of the death of their officer son in a North-West Frontier ambush.

The War Office's failure to notify them by telegram was an exceptional lapse, but that can be no excuse.

Class Distinctions!

Another instance of our topsy-turvy civilisation comes from Brighton, where the public assistance committee allows 2s. a week to feed, clothe and warm each child of a workless man.

But £80 a year is spent on each child in the corporation's school for orphans and deserted youngsters.

It would be a disgrace to all Britain if this cruel disparity were to be found in only one town. Actually, it exists in hundreds of districts.

"Conscience" Money

Working on the basis of payment by results, it is not surprising that fourteen countries owe £100,000 altogether to the League of Nations. Abyssinia has £5,000 "on the slate" due for the period when the League was allowing Italy to conquer that unhappy land.

But Britain's conscience is clear—so far as paying her yearly share of £212,000 is concerned, anyway. When it comes to paying tribute to the spirit of the League—well, we have our doubts.

Height of Folly

Duff Cooper, to stimulate recruiting, promises Civil Service jobs for ex-soldiers.

So let us tell him this: Two of our ex-Servicemen readers, though [illegible] enough for the Army, have been [illegible] jobs as postmen because they are [illegible] an inch under the prescribed Post Office height.

Though why a postman of five-three shouldn't be as good as a six-[illegible] beats us and will probably beat Duff Cooper.

Bad Boy's Bane

We'd be more ready to believe [illegible] Doncaster woman who said birch[illegible] done her son good if he hadn't, [illegible] moment, stood before the juvenile [illegible] charged with a whole series of [illegible] from shops.

As he is to be birched again, he should finish up a wonderful lad.

The Baby-Monger

At the point of the bayonet Mussolini has been able to do a lot of things, but he is not being so successful in persuading loyal Fascists to increase the Italian birth-rate.

His latest move, to institute a system of marriage loans repayable in babies, as repugnant as Fascism—it would be hard to see how anything could be more hideous than that.

About Time!

At last independent medical examination of a man in an asylum has been granted.

Joshua Ritson: Wins Reform

Thirty years ago Horatio Fidler, of Bishopsgate Moor[illegible] into Broadmoor after an attack on a lunatic attendant. Fidler's wellgate Member of Social Service Committee and Mr. Joshua Ritson, M.P., have now persuaded Sir John Simon to allow independent examination of Fidler to decide whether he should go free after thirty years.

But independent medical examination shouldn't be a privilege; it should be a right.

Unfair

Is the law fair to motorists? The Warwickshire has had a special committee to debate the question.

Most motorists, cyclists and pedestrians will find themselves strangely in agreement on the answer.

Which is that the law may be too lenient to the madman at the wheel, too hard on the good driver who does just top the speed limit.

How To Win £10

ON page 38 we publish the name of the £10 winner in "Headings" Competition No. 2; here's another opportunity for you to win a cheque for a postcard.

Read the paragraphs on this page—and their headings. Pick out the best three and write them IN ORDER OF MERIT on a postcard. Make your decisions according to their aptness in relation to paragraph, interest value and crispness of phrasing.

We offer a £10 cheque to the reader whose selection and order corresponds with or is nearest to the Editor's; scores of smaller awards for the runners-up. Ties divide.

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KNOCK-OUTS

Frederick Arthur Watson, R.: "I deserve some punishment *than the fourteen days' jail we tying up dog with wire collar that it had to be destroyed.*

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Sir Thos. Beecham: "B B C have nothing to do with music saying which you should be *future public dinners.*

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Bishop of Chelmsford: "Wor[illegible] ting hardened to cruelty, human is becoming brutalised." *No, for Britain when you've finished Germany and Italy.*

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Dr. R. F. Rattray, Cam[illegible]: "Present generation is growing desperate." *Too young to remember previous generation, are you?*

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Mayor of Salford: "Shall not Coronation ceremony in Abbey [illegible] to lead celebrations in Sa[illegible] *Example for those civic heads who tend to spend several days in London at ratepayers' expense!*

Wonder of the WHITE BLACKBOARD

Eager pupils at a film lesson in a Cardiff school. Some local authorities are alive to the value of educational films; but the Government is content to let us lag years behind other nations . . .

By
P. L. MANNOCK

HOW long will it take this country to realise the value of the film in education? The immense part that the screen will play in the enlightenment of the young is realised by anyone who takes the trouble to examine the simple facts. Other countries know it and for years have put it into practice. What are we doing?

Well, a deputation from the British Film Institute approached Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education the other day to explain how Britain is missing a wonderful film opportunity.

In the end it was left to the Institute to see what it could do in the way of organising a conference of educational authorities.

Contrast this official apathy with the enterprise of some individuals.

At a new school at Hendon every blackboard is reversible. The opposite side is white, for use as a cinema screen whenever required. Why should not all blackboards throughout the Kingdom be similar?

Britain is ten years behind. America, Germany, France, Sweden, Czecho-Slovakia and Russia are so far ahead of us in this vital matter that this country—where the film was invented—should feel something like humiliation.

Indeed, film education abroad is growing so rapidly that the only available figures fall considerably short of the facts. The United States has 13,000 film projectors in its schools. France has 5,000; Czecho-Slovakia has 10,000, and in Germany 11,357 of the Fatherland's 55,000 schools had been equipped up to last October.

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Out of the 40,000 schools of all kinds in Great Britain those equipped with film apparatus to-day are well under 1,000. In other words, only one British school in forty, as against Germany's one in five.

What are the obstacles to improvement?

Two quaint ideas still persist. One is that there is a danger of eyestrain if children see films at a tender age. The other is that the peril of fire is a risk inevitably run wherever films are shown by reason of their inflammability.

Bogies, to put it bluntly, are bogies. Modern lighting apparatus and technique have long eliminated the old strain on the optic nerve that once accompanied the flickering images of the early days of cinematography. The chances of fire are already protected in public cinemas by elaborate regulations, simply do not exist in educational films, which are invariably on non-inflammable celluloid.

Some months ago I attended a demonstration of films suitable for children. It was held at Nottingham for an audience of schoolmasters, every one of whom was, at the close, enthusiastic. Some of them admitted that they had become converts that evening.

Now there are dozens of public and semi-public bodies who have done, and are doing, an enormous amount of work in popularising film instruction.

Educational authorities by the hundred are eagerly adopting this vivid adjunct to modern methods of instruction, and indeed have partly succeeded in impressing Whitehall with the need for State encouragement to supplement local endeavour.

As a result, the Board of Education has lately been making grants to local authorities towards the cost of cinema equipment. This is a step in the right direction. Secondary schools can get up to 50 per cent. of the outlay, and elementary schools up to 20 per cent.

It can safely be said that wherever teachers have had the resources of film education brought to their notice they have been surprised at the enormous range of subjects available.

In the past six years British film producers have spent some £700,000 in making many hundreds of economically devised little films with the leading scientific brains of the country.

Professor Julian Huxley, the late Sir J. Arthur Thomson, Sir Charles Oman, and other eminent figures identified with practically every learned society of any status, have devoted their energies to the bringing into being of an enormous amount of human knowledge, translated into the most vivid of all means of communication yet invented.

How dull lessons can be, and how exciting can the cinema make them! Foreign lands, with their cities, plains, jungles and deserts, and the sea, with all its wonders, are shown with that reality of the camera which conveys more than voice or print could ever describe.

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Industry, and the countless, inexhaustible fascinations of manufacture—whether of a lead-pencil, a silk stocking or a Cunarder—the conquest by man of the resources and even the forces of Nature—his defeats and victories and the fabric of agriculture, industrialism and commerce—films of all this are no schoolmaster's dream. They actually exist.

Health in all its phases, which include care of the body, dieting, hygiene and sport; the birth, life and habits of every beast, bird, reptile, fish and insect known; the miracles and sublime beauty of botany and chemistry; all are on hand for the enlightenment of the boys and girls who are to be the British citizens of the future.

Perhaps of greater importance than all these are the pictures which show the men, women and children of the other nations of the world. Nothing but actual travel contact—and not always even that—can so graphically bring home the much-hidden truth about our fellow-men; that the fathers, mothers, sons and daughters of other lands and flags are really much the same people as those in our own streets and lanes.

What is going to happen to these films? They win medals in foreign capitals and are circulated all over the world. But they are not circulated enough.

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They represent an immeasurable treasure of patient, expert effort; and, what is even more to the point, most of them are entertaining as well as instructive. For that is the real difference between the screen and the blackboard.

Local authorities are doing wonders. Scotland is probably more progressive than England. Glasgow has 100 out of 240 schools equipped, and a film library of its own.

The L.C.C. is running a three-year experiment in the metropolitan area with excellent results; Birmingham is considering equipping all its schools; and although there is much to be done in acquainting scholastic bodies with the facts, those who teach are becoming far too formidable advocates of national film education to be ignored.

The State must take more of a hand. Sweden's Government has directly sponsored 500 educational films, and in our own British Commonwealth the Government of Australia and the Union of South Africa already have their own film libraries.

It is an ironical reflection that we are so backward in this respect compared with a Dictator State like Germany.

In view of the fact that armaments and our Fighting Services now cost us something like £200,000,000 a year, I would quote the remarks of Professor Lancelot Hogben, F.R.S., Regius Professor of History at Aberdeen University:

"If the cost of one cruiser were applied to providing projectors for our schools and the expense of two battleships were devoted to the production of films for the teaching of science, this generation would witness a greater advance of human enlightenment than the world has yet seen."

Teachers are not asking for the State to turn film-producer. They want, and common-sense as well as patriotism in the highest sense demands, that we shall make full use of the films that already exist. For they know that the production of such films cannot continue without more practical recognition and tangible help.

They have been made under the fair assumption that this would eventually be forthcoming. When will this be? When will all our school blackboards turn white?

Jewel Thief Confesses . .

Next week Stanley Bishop presents a dramatic new series—the confessions of a woman jewel thief; a "Lady Raffles," whose underworld name was "Quicksilver."

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A Very ARCH Bishop

FOR some days there has been an agitation in a section of the national Press against a decision of the Colonial Office not to grant a passport to Archbishop F. C. Harrington, who is described as the head of the English branch of the Eastern Orthodox Catholic Church.

As Archbishop Harrington is a British subject and is seeking a passport for the declared purpose of visiting 33,000 of his native clergy on the African Gold Coast, the rejection of his application might seem somewhat strange. But the propaganda that is being carried on against the Colonial Office in consequence of its refusal is ill-informed and quite unjustified.

No explanation of the hostile attitude of the Government Departments concerned to Archbishop Harrington has been given from Downing Street; but JOHN BULL can supply one.

Archbishop Harrington is a faker and a sham. At various times he has misrepresented himself to the public as holding episcopal rank and he actually claims all Britain as his diocese.

He has even formed an entourage of ecclesiastical dignitaries among them his private chaplain, the Very Rev. Father Francis of Antioch, and a private secretary, Father St. Stephen.

All these titles are as bogus as his own. The headquarters of the supposed Church of which he claims to be the head have been a converted workshop behind a dilapidated house in a London back street.

Archbishop Harrington's ecclesiastical promotion has been unsurpassed for speed in any other religious career. In less than two years he was ordained, and became a Very Rev. Canon.

Next, in quick time, he passed through his consecration as a full diocesan bishop and immediately afterwards was raised to an archbishopric and the supreme headship of his Church.

Of course, it is all nonsense. This can be understood from the fact that for years he has been mixed up with ventures which exist for the sale of worthless degrees, and he was himself made a bogus priest and bishop by another bogus archbishop.

Harrington's full christian names are Frederic Charles Aloysius, and he may be identified by them as an individual who has been associated with a number of business enterprises of dubious reputation.

Actually he was at one time chairman of an extraordinary concern called the Harrington Standard Typewriter Company, which was liquidated in disastrous fashion, leaving its creditors begging for more than £30,000.

People invested their savings in this company in return for employment, and its collapse under Harrington's management plunged them into distress.

The disclosure of these facts about Archbishop Harrington should be sufficient to stop the campaign that has been launched on his behalf and to justify the refusal of the Colonial Office to allow him to visit his mythical horde of 33,000 priests in Africa.

Harrington's clerical uniform is the best part of his pretensions

National BUSINESS *Bluff*

INTO the commercial constellation of Britain a new meteor has flashed in the last few days.

Already announcements regarding it are appearing in the advertisement columns of the daily newspapers.

It has been given the proud name of the National Business Exchange and has its head offices in Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W.C.

Among its major activities are supposed to be the buying and selling of businesses, the formation of companies and the introduction of capital to those who seek it, as well as investment brokerage.

But all that the National Business Exchange has done so far is to broadcast applications for men who would like to become assistant managers in the enterprise.

Letters have been sent out in such numbers offering these posts to persons who have replied to the advertisements that very soon the National Business Exchange should house a battalion of departmental managers.

We hope that this warning will be in time to prevent anyone joining its staff.

There are two good reasons for this statement—one that an investment of £50 is required in exchange for a post, and the second that the National Business Exchange has been promoted by an individual named Donald T. Heaysman, who is one of the most versatile crooks in Britain.

Heaysman has at different times represented himself to be a newspaper proprietor, owner of a commercial airways, and a film company director, but these and many other poses have only been devices for brazen victimisation of the public.

The new National Business Exchange is only another milestone in Heaysman's career of bluff, graft and duplicity.

IN BONDAGE FOR PROFIT

THREE times in as many weeks a suggestion has been made by Members of Parliament that one of the reasons why the lunacy institutions of this country are kept filled with young people is that they provide an abundant supply of cheap or free labour.

Examples of this have been made known to JOHN BULL almost daily for years.

Most pathetic of all the letters received this week on the subject has been one from a woman at Garsington, near Oxford, whose nineteen-year-old son has been detained in a colony for mental defectives at Bristol for more than eight years.

His name is Cyril Panks and he was taken away from his mother for no other reason than that he was somewhat dirty. Local welfare people told her that a short period of discipline in an institution would benefit him and she consented to the proposal in the belief that her boy would not be away from his home for more than a few months.

She was astounded when she learned that her son had been made an inmate of a lunacy establishment.

Year has followed year and Cyril Panks remains a prisoner.

Every appeal by the mother to have her son restored to her has been frustrated with a stereotyped answer that his training is not yet complete.

The authorities refuse to discharge him because they say he would not be capable of work. Yet he is employed in the institution's workshops—*but does not get a penny of pay for his labour.*

Drudgery

Then, examine the case of Miss Elsie Green, whose parents live in Outram Street, Leicester. She is twenty-four and also has been a lunacy prisoner for eight years.

Her only fault was that once she disobeyed her mother's order that she must not visit a man who was alleged to be morally dangerous.

It was never suggested that there had been any association between them, but when the mother sought advice [illegible] welfare worker she was advised [illegible] her daughter away for some months.

Mrs. Green was horror-stricken when she found that, without any notification or intimation, her daughter had been placed in a mental institution and certified.

Every effort to obtain Elsie Green's release has been baulked by an official statement that it would be [illegible] to take her away from the training given her at the institution where she has been detained all these years.

The truth is that the young woman is receiving no training whatever, performs the duties of a drudge in a ward reserved for cases of paralysis sleepy sickness in the institution.

The mother has been told plainly if she were allowed to leave the place it would mean that the authorities would have to engage additional staff.

How is Elsie Green rewarded for her work?

She is paid 1s. 6d. per week, recently raised from 3d. per week!

Incredible

And the ease with which people can be put away in these places is illustrated in a case reported [illegible] week from Peacehaven, Sussex.

There, David Camac lived with his widowed mother in a small bungalow on Telscombe Cliffs. She keeps chickens, a number of which have recently been destroyed by dogs.

Her son had words with the owner of one dog whose hand was slightly injured during a scuffle. It is thought that the injury was caused by the dog itself falling on some barbed wire.

This small incident was reported to the authorities. David Camac was taken off in a motor-car, certified and placed in an asylum!

There is no doubt that a terrible blunder has been made. People of standing who have known the Camac family for years are convinced of it, and an early opportunity is to be taken to demand David's release in the House of Commons.

HOMES in PERIL

JOHN BULL is submitting to the President of the Board of Trade a mass of evidence which has accumulated in the last few weeks of a scandal that will soon cause the property laws of this country to become steeped in tragedy if quick action is not taken to counter it.

Thousands of families who have been regarded as practically owning their own homes—houses on long lease—are now finding that they are clinging to possession of them only by a slender thread which may be snapped at any moment.

Whole streets, in some areas almost whole townships of families, are being made the victims of a process of legalised imposition.

Grave defects in the law are being exploited by a host of financial adventurers through scores of newly formed companies, the promoters of which are behaving without mercy to the occupiers of leased houses.

These gentry have begun by buying up freeholds over the occupiers' heads in many parts of Britain. They then present a demand to the occupiers to carry out repairs, even down to the foundations of the houses, involving in many cases an expenditure of hundreds of pounds.

Too often the alterations are completely unnecessary and where [illegible] defects do exist the cost [illegible] vastly magnified.

Board of Trade President, Mr. Runciman

The [illegible] household [illegible] usually [illegible] timation [illegible] they [illegible] comply [illegible] demand [illegible] be served [illegible] writs for [illegible] of the property.

But the [illegible] pose of [illegible] only made [illegible] when the [illegible] is told [illegible] easiest way out for him will be [illegible] to buy the freehold at an [illegible] price or to surrender the remainder of the lease for a small fraction of its value.

In consequence of this process [illegible] numbers of people have already [illegible] with their homes and tens of thousands are in imminent danger of [illegible].

This scandal can be scotched by legislation to give leaseholders the option to buy the freeholds of their homes.

Mr. Baldwin's crusade for safer motherhood and infant welfare should be given a fillip by these tragedies

ROBBING HEROES' WIDOWS

W[illegible] average member of the [illegible] thinks of the scandal of [illegible] ex-Servicemen's pen[illegible]ly only the meanness [illegible]thorities have treated [illegible]t comes to mind.

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[illegible]he opposite. Last year [illegible]ng disability pensions [illegible] In [illegible]646 cases were pensions [illegible]idows—about one case [illegible].

In his Power

[illegible] Pensions has it in his [illegible] grant these pensions. [illegible] principle of deciding [illegible]he disability for which [illegible]ed a pension was the [illegible]h.

[illegible]n the vast majority of [illegible]s not—and the widows [illegible]eing left penniless.

A [illegible]ample of the lack of [illegible]n can be found in the [illegible] Hall, whose widow is [illegible]d, Halifax.

[illegible]n a pre-war Regular [illegible]e Brigade with a meri[illegible]nd he re-enlisted in the [illegible]orps at the age of fifty-[illegible]t War began. Because [illegible]e was stricken with [illegible]s and was awarded a [illegible]l a week.

[illegible] recently he had to be [illegible] treatment for this ail[illegible]ause of his death was [illegible]ure as well as chronic [illegible].

[illegible]rounds that his death [illegible]e to his war disability, [illegible] Pensions has refused to [illegible]o his seventy-four-year-[illegible].

[illegible]ithout means and has [illegible]p her home.

Without Parallel

A[illegible]nstance of a hero's widow [illegible] lurch is that of Mrs. [illegible] of Main Road, Great [illegible].

[illegible] was discharged from the [illegible] a company sergeant-major after twenty-five years in the Royal Artillery, but he rejoined on the outbreak of war, was given his commission on the field and was three times mentioned in dispatches for signal acts of bravery.

After years of suffering, Mr. Coleman has died of consumption, brought on by bronchitis which, it is officially admitted, was aggravated by war service.

But a pension to his widow has been refused. All she has received is £6 from Service charities.

Of her four children, two have had to be placed in an institution because Mrs. Coleman has no means to maintain them. Her only income is 21s. a week, and not more than 8s. 6d. of this is available for food and clothing for herself and her two remaining children after the rent of the home is paid.

Because of the privation, Mrs. Coleman is in extreme ill-health. She has asked the pension authorities to provide her at least with proper medical treatment. They will not do so. In a final appeal to them she has suggested that, anyhow, they might undertake the education of her two children from whom she has been parted. Again they refuse.

Could official meanness be carried further?

An answer might be found in the case of another war victim—this time a youth of twenty, named David Burns, who lives at Oakbridge Aberdour, in Scotland.

Utter Tragedy

David's father was killed in action at the battle of Jutland, and David himself was born under gunfire.

At the moment of his birth the enemy bombardment of Hartlepool began and a number of shells fell only a few yards from his mother during her confinement.

The mother died at once from shock, and, from the circumstances of his birth, it was recognised that David must be a life-long invalid.

Now, after twenty years, a great chance has come to the youth. The authorities at Papworth Hall, Cambridge, have offered to provide him with a course of training for a remunerative occupation at a cost of £2 13s. a week.

You will say at once, of course, that the Ministry of Pensions will provide the small sum necessary to allow David Burns to seize this opportunity. You will be wrong if you think so.

They have declined to give even this measure of help to the orphan whose parents were both killed in the war.

The explanation of this scandal is, of course, that the Government has decided that the £24,000,000 now being saved yearly on war pensions shall be devoted not to the widows and other victims, but to armaments expenditure.

Four Motherhood Tragedies

MISFORTUNES seldom come singly. Especially does this appear to be so in regard to institutions which are part of the public health services.

Again and again a case calling for publicity focuses attention on one of them and a run of ill luck sets in involving a series of unfortunate happenings.

Not for long has there been anything more remarkable of the kind than has just occurred in a short period in connection with the Mowbray Nursing Home, a public maternity centre at Sunderland.

It must be emphasised that there is no reflection in any of the cases we describe on the doctors and the matron of the institution. They did their best in all of them.

A set of tragedies there began with the death of Mrs. Mary Green, of John Street, Southwick, from puerperal septicæmia, following the birth of a stillborn child.

Her husband makes a number of serious allegations against the internal organisation of this municipal nursing home. Among other things he declares that when she visited it, accompanied by her mother, to seek admission for her confinement, she was told to go home and go to the pictures with her husband.

"Hallucination" Verdict

Mr. Green contends that if there had not been this postponement of treatment, the life of his wife and that of the baby might have been saved.

The husband also states that when he saw his wife in the ward after the birth of the dead baby she complained to him that she had been left for fifteen hours practically unattended.

From the Mowbray Nursing Home, Mrs. Green was removed to another municipal hospital where she died in a few hours.

An inquest has been held as to the death of Mrs. Green, but her husband's statements have not been accepted. His wife's allegations made to him before she died were described as "simply hallucination" and a verdict was given exonerating the nursing home from negligence.

There has been no official enquiry of any kind into the death of another woman who was also a maternity patient in the Mowbray Nursing Home, but in view of charges—again made by a husband—an investigation by the authorities would seem desirable.

Mrs. Mary Graham

This woman was Mrs. Graham, of Beverley Road, Grangetown.

Mr. Graham, speaking from information given to him by his wife before her death, states that soon after she was admitted to the institution one night she had cause to call a nurse who asked her "what she was shouting at" and then left the room.

A few minutes later the baby was born without anyone being present.

Mr. Graham next declares that his wife was then laid on a rubber sheet, covered with blankets and told to go to sleep, a cup of water being left beside her bed, the light put out and the room door closed.

"My wife," says Mr. Graham, "lay and suffered in the darkness for some hours. Then a night nurse visited her and found that hæmorrhage had set in. Later, she asked for a hot-water bottle and when one was brought she was told that she would have to be careful as it leaked and might scald her."

Mrs. Graham was discharged after twelve days and on returning home her husband was so alarmed by her condition that he called in a private doctor who ordered her to be removed to another hospital. Within a week she died from phlebitis and peritonitis.

Mrs. Graham was a mother of a large family and there had never been the smallest trouble at any of her previous confinements, which were all at home.

Baby Without a Chance

A third case in quick succession from the Mowbray Nursing Home concerns a baby who died five hours after birth.

The father is Mr. Robert Clarke, a miner, of Castle Street, Castletown, whose wife had been in such long continued ill-health that there was certainly scant hope of the child surviving. It was born small and fragile.

A representative of the hospital has admitted that it was not expected that it would "stay in this world for any length of time."

But, although fully aware of the condition of the baby, no member of the hospital staff called a doctor to examine it or to give advice regarding its treatment.

Three cases of this kind in such a brief period in one hospital are so unfortunate that JOHN BULL cannot believe the public health authorities will permit them to pass without taking action to promote confidence in its organisation.

Fatal 30-mile Journey

Nothing in the health services of the country is causing more alarm than the increasing number of deaths among mothers from puerperal poisoning. Therefore, we also call attention to the numerous cases being made known to us of women who die for no other reason than that they have to be moved from one hospital to another after contracting the sepsis.

Their removal is necessary because so many maternity institutions have not an isolation ward in which the infectious cases can be segregated.

The most deplorable case of the kind lately has occurred in connection with no less an institution than the King Edward VII hospital at Windsor—built as a memorial to the late Sovereign close to the home of the Royal Family.

After having been a patient there, Mrs. Florence Bennett, of Tumbertown Road, Slough, developed puerperal fever and by the rules of the hospital she had to be moved.

Isolation accommodation was not available nearer than London, and she was sent on the thirty-mile journey. She was going to almost certain death because of the removal. There was no hope when she arrived at the next hospital.

The propaganda of the Ministry of Health on maternal mortality loses much of its value while hospital conditions remain unchanged and make these tragedies possible.

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... I know, would like to increase ... so that they would provide ... luxuries which make life worth ... But, as a large employer of ... with twenty-four years' experience ... member of a Trade Board, you ... a public service by setting a ... though it is—for future ...

... a great army of men and ... receiving lower wages than those ... as an absolute minimum. ... not only that your minimum ... should be enforced by Trade ... within five years, but that ... can well afford substantial ... if they are undertaken ...

... shall now wait for reactionary ... and their supporters in Parliament to prove you are wrong. I believe ... I shall wait in vain.—JOHN BULL.

Alderman W. T. KELLY, M.P.,
London County Council

DEAR MR. KELLY,—I cannot agree that ... London magistrates get rid of many ... young people brought before them ... calling them mentally defective." ... not think this dreadfully inhuman practice is prevalent in London. But that it exists in various parts of the country has long been the subject of letters to me from anguished and helpless parents.

Thank you, therefore, for indirectly helping me to bring this injustice to public attention.—JOHN BULL.

Rev. F. ARCHER,
West Riding County Councillor

SIR,—You could not have realised, when proposing to cut the council estimates by 5 per cent., that this would mean taking a shilling a week from every blind person, 1s. 6d. from people on relief, and so on.

No, I'm sure you did not think of that.

But think of it before making such suggestions in future.
—JOHN BULL.

Baron Von SPIEGEL,
ex-U Boat Commander

DEAR BARON,—Hatred between nations is, as you say, artificial and largely fostered by Governments. As individual human beings, we like each other in the main, no matter what our colour or creed. I also agree with you that "war is madness" and that the idea of the brotherhood of mankind is pretty universal.

But what will Herr Hitler say when he hears you have been talking in this strain?—JOHN BULL.

Mrs. JOSEPHINE BILTON,
Newcastle Nonagenarian

DEAR MADAM,—Though I congratulate you upon your ninetieth birthday, I can't share your view that girls of to-day should be made to work as hard as you had to do in your youth.

For you started as a domestic servant at the age of ten, worked "like a slave" from four in the morning (two on washing days!) until late at night—for 1s. 6d. a week.

A spartan recipe for reaching a ripe old age, maybe. But precious little encouragement to live as long!—JOHN BULL.

Mr. L. E. MATHER,
Manchester

DEAR MR. MATHER,—You express two very sensible ideas in saying that canteens to provide suitable meals for workers, and rest periods for people engaged on repetition work are needed.

True, as an employer, you think first in terms of efficiency.

You see that workpeople so treated will be more effective at their jobs.

Do you think you could drum this point into some thousands of employers who haven't even had the first thought along these lines? You would do a good turn to both labour and industry if you could.—JOHN BULL.

Rev. J. L. McFADDEN,
Tain (Scotland) Golf Club

REV. SIR,—It is refreshing to learn that you, as captain, have decided to stand out against the puritanical humbug of the local council, which has refused a liquor licence for the clubhouse.

I don't blame your members for giving up tenancy of the course.

Why, "holing in one" would become a nightmare under such a ban!—JOHN BULL.

Ald. W. M. ROGERSON,
Chairman, Worsley Urban Council

DEAR MR. ALDERMAN,—Congratulations to you and your colleagues for showing some of the rarest sense—common-sense.

Finding you could not accommodate a displaced collier and his family of twelve children in one house, you allowed them two adjoining houses for the rent of one.

A simple solution, to be sure, but how many other local legislators would solve the problem with such refreshing sanity?—JOHN BULL.

Ven. A. H. WATSON,
Archdeacon of Richmond

SIR,—When you say you find it difficult to speak with restraint about the passing of the tithe measure, does it occur to you that many tithepayers have been much harder hit than ever the Church will be? Your talk about the Church being "called upon to suffer once again" is just the kind of remark that aroused public opinion against the Church.

Remember that Queen Anne is dead.—JOHN BULL.

Dr. H. M. HOLT,
M.O.H. for Keighley

DEAR DOCTOR,—Where did you discover that children went to school "tired, dilatory," and didn't like attending their lessons as soon as the clock was put forward an hour?

You don't put forward such views seriously, do you? Or perhaps you've never heard of children going to bed quite normally on summer nights, sleeping well and being healthier because they get more fresh air and sunshine?—JOHN BULL.

The JUSTICES,
Aldershot Licensing Sessions

GENTLEMEN,—Your chairman cannot be fully informed.

Announcing your decision to grant an off-licence to certain premises, he said that the part of the town where they are situated is "inhabited by citizens, perhaps, not of very high degree or gentle manners on all occasions."

Well, the road where the off-licence is placed is inhabited by three widows, two widowers and two married couples. The older folk declare there has not been a single conviction from the road during the last twenty years.

Was the remark fair to them?—JOHN BULL.

Mr. J. E. PAYNE,
Trade Union Leader

DEAR SIR,—Let me thank you for mobilising Newcastle shop assistants as a step towards a national drive for better wage rates.

Everyone except those employing shop assistants knows that the wages are scandalously low. No adult should depend on home assistance to enable him to live, but many shop workers do.

May your cause meet with success!—JOHN BULL.

ELECTRICITY COMMITTEE,
Manchester

GENTLEMEN,—"Penny-in-the-slot meters, please," is the request of residents on the Wythenshawe housing estate. They find quarterly bills too heavy a burden to meet.

You should grant the request at once and appreciate that your customers are honest enough to want to pay cash, not run into debt on credit.—JOHN BULL.

JIMMY HALL, Newcastle 16-year-old: Stranded in London, you've walked home in three months. Mother should be proud as well as pleased to see you.—JOHN BULL.

W. RUNCIMAN, Board of Trade: Thanks for backing up my efforts to make Britain no place for share-pushers to live in—JOHN BULL.

BRAINTREE Ratepayers: To re-elect councillor aged ninety-two was kind. Was it wise?—JOHN BULL.

NOT FROM THE B.B.C.

TIME GOES WEST

THEY writhe and dance before our eyes
Like syncopating niggers,
Whate'er we do, where'er we go,
They're waiting for us, row on row,
Figures and yet more figures!

They're loosed on us in millions from
That Budget box of Neville's,
Dull bores confide them to the "mike,"
From bank books, rent books and the like
They grin like evil devils!

Time is but figures on a dial;
In space there's nothing mystical;
And all we do and are can be
Set forth for all the world to see
In formulas statistical!

Sufferers from astronomical nausea caused by having imperfectly digested the Budget debates are advised to treat this article with the contempt it deserves. But gluttons for statistical punishment may possibly like to meet Dr. Emlyn Stevens.

Dr. Stevens is one of those gifted coves who if asked what is the longest time between drinks could give the answer to a decimal point without batting an eyelid.

"In 70 years," he informed the Bridgend and District Bakery Students' Association, "an average man sleeps 23 of them, spends another 14¼ eating, while shaving takes about seven months."

Such figures provoke thought. If, for example, an average man sleeps 23 years, how long does an average politician sleep before waking up and appointing a Royal Commission?

And surely the knowledge that subediting his beard subtracts seven months from his life is enough to make any right-thinking bloke decide to wear a wreath of whiskers and devote the time thus saved to perfecting his system for picking the winner of the three-thirty.

Non-shaver exhibits seven months' savings

Looking back on my own misspent life, I find that I have devoted 1¼ years to waiting for young females unable to keep appointments owing to subsequent engagements, 5¼ years to consultations regarding dogs, eight months to announcing that I was dashed if I would mow the lawn and then doing it, and two years and five days to imaginary dialogues with the boss, informing him that if I had any more nonsense from him he could look elsewhere for a humorist, and that was that!

The truth, of course, is that most of us are spendthrifts of time. Consider, for instance, those extra few minutes spent in bed after the alarm clock has brought the glad news that another day is here. Properly employed, they would enable us, by the time we were eighty-nine, to learn a new language, attain a thorough mastery of some scientific or philosophic subject or do something equally loathsome.

But, alas! we are all far too busy doing nothing in particular that we have very little time for anything else.

Life is this or life's the other,
Say the sages—hopeless duds!
Taking one thing with another,
Life is mostly collar-studs!
Years we give to these, and more years
Turning on or off a tap,
While we spend some three or four years
Hanging daily from a strap!

Though Great Thinkers bid us ponder
On the ways of bees and ants,
Years of precious life we squander
Putting on and off our pants!
Doing all things at the right time,
Life's made up of this and that:
Putting out the clock at night time,
Winding up the cat!

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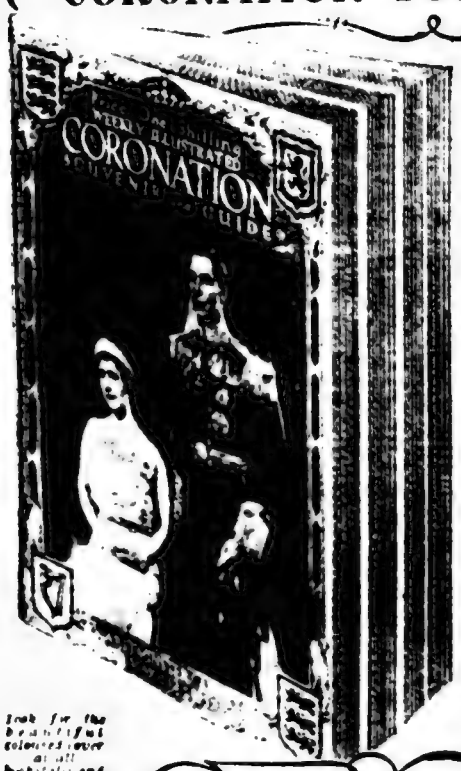

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By A. G. GARDINER

who gives an incisive, side-by-side pen-portrait of our Prime Minister and his successor

MR. BALDWIN is packing up at 10, Downing Street, and his neighbour at No. 11 is preparing to shift his quarters next door. When the Coronation is over the [illegible] be made, and a new hand [illegible] the helm at Westminster. What does the change portend?

From the merely personal point of [illegible] there is no occasion for rejoicing. [illegible] said that his people would [illegible] him in order to make his [illegible] James's King, and if it were a [illegible] affection no Party in the [illegible] Commons would dethrone Mr. Baldwin for the sake of seeing Mr. [illegible] in his place.

Mr. Baldwin will not live in history [illegible] the great Prime Ministers. He [illegible] the company of Chatham and [illegible] and Disraeli, Salisbury [illegible] Asquith.

He would be the first to dis[illegible] a title, for among his many [illegible] is a modesty as rare [illegible] as his freedom from [illegible] and private enmities.

It was said of Asquith by one of his [illegible] he had three negative virtues. He had "no envy, no jealousy and no [illegible]."

And the same is true of Mr. Baldwin. He has added to these qualities a kindliness of heart and a good temper that have warmed the atmosphere of Parliament, softened the asperities and won him the affection of men of all Parties, and of the nation at large.

No bitter word has [illegible] from his lips, and he has [illegible] any private axe of his own [illegible] grindstone.

His disinterestedness indeed has become a legend of our public life, and it is characteristic of him that his magnificent gift of half his fortune to the nation during the war was made when he was a private member, and so unostentatiously that the fact only leaked out long afterwards.

It was these high qualities of character and the accident of events that brought this unassuming man from the back benches of the House to the highest position in the State.

The elevation was probably as great a surprise to himself as it was to the public. He went to the famous Carlton Club meeting that dethroned Mr. Lloyd George an almost unknown member of his Party and emerged as a leader, and [illegible] years was Prime Minister.

That great position he has occupied [illegible] in the midst of events as [illegible] as any in history.

It would be flattery to say that he has been equal to the vast ordeal to which he has been subjected. Perhaps no one could have been. His genius is for the pulpit rather than the floor of the House of Commons, for inspiration rather than action.

Is Stanley sorry to leave No. 10, or is Neville sorry about moving in?

He has little taste for the swift cut-and-thrust of the Parliamentary stage, and, in rapidly changing conditions, has allowed events to get out of hand by too lax a control of his team.

His most conspicuous failure has been in the field of foreign affairs, where the influence of this country should have been decisive.

This failure was especially disastrous in the case of the Abyssinian episode, which not only left our prestige in the dust, but the whole fabric of the League and collective security in ruins.

It is true that we were let down by France under Laval, but we ought not to have gone tiger-hunting with Laval without suspecting that he was hand-in-glove with the tiger.

The best service Mr. Baldwin has done in these anxious years has been in keeping his own die-hards in check.

His personal loyalty to the non-Party ideal nas never been in question, and in spite of the overwhelming preponderance of the Conservative element he has kept Parliament responsive to the social needs of the time and the balance between the competing interests stable.

He carried the Indian Constitution in the teeth of the most formidable opposition from his own Party, and his management of the difficult episode of Edward VIII was beyond praise.

He will leave his great office with the respect and affection of Parliament and the nation.

His successor is a man of entirely different mentality and temper. Mr. Neville Chamberlain is a chip of the old block.

If Mr. Baldwin suggests the atmosphere of the pulpit, and the study, he suggests the atmosphere of the counting-house.

Like his formidable father, he graduated in the mayoralty of Birmingham, and he bears the signature of that school in all his activities.

He is as practical as a plumber and as precise as a time-table. He has his father's clear-cut directness of speech without his father's gift of incisive phrase-making.

He has none of the graces of mind and heart which make Mr. Baldwin so engaging and disarming a figure in public life.

His mind is always on the business in hand, and he approaches it without sentiment and without any attempt to play to the gallery.

I do not think it can be doubted that as Chancellor of the Exchequer he has been the most conspicuous success of the present Government.

It is that success which has established his claim to the succession beyond challenge, in spite of the fact that he is too hard and unsympathetic in general bearing to be widely popular, either in Parliament or in the country.

He has the courage to run counter to his own back-benchers, as he has shown in his latest and last Budget, and his probity is unquestioned.

His defect is a certain narrowness of mind and vision. There is no "green thought in a green shade," no warmth of feeling or spaciousness of outlook. (I speak of him, of course, in his public aspect: in private he is not without charm.)

What the effect of his leadership upon the Government and the country will be remains to be seen. He will drive with a tighter rein than his predecessor, but he will lack his *savoir faire*.

He will lack, too, Mr. Baldwin's extraordinary gift of speaking intimately to the heart of the nation through the medium of the broadcast.

Under him the idea of the National Government will become still more shadowy. Mr. Baldwin believed in it whole-heartedly. To Mr. Chamberlain it has no sanctity.

He will preserve the fiction, no doubt, by giving Sir John Simon the post he vacates, and perhaps elevating some nominal Liberal to the Woolsack.

But for all practical purposes the National Government is now extinct.

It goes without saying that, whatever our political faith, we shall all wish Mr. Chamberlain a successful tenure of his great office.

He takes that office in a time when the whole world is in the melting-pot and in circumstances that transcend all Party ties and considerations.

May he be wisely guided in the great task that lies before him.

Difficult Days

C[illegible] numbers of us are going [illegible]ficult days in these times [illegible]ment, unemployment, extra [illegible] "blessings" of civilisa[illegible] have worries to trouble [illegible]he week and this is par[illegible]parents striving to bring [illegible]

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Just a Human Story

SOLDIER'S QUEST

GUNNER P. G. FOXON, of the Australian Army, was not one of the easiest patients to manage after he had been wounded in the Great War.

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Sometimes since, as Mrs. Langlands, of Turnbull Road, Chichester, she has recalled to memory some of her "difficult" war patients. Always she gave the palm to Gunner Foxon, although she could not remember his name.

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The other week a bronzed, burly figure in uniform strode down the gangway of an Orient Liner.

It was Gunner Foxon, come to England to take part in the Coronation.

There were many things he had in mind to do—places to visit, people to see. But one wish was dominant in his mind. . . . to find the nurse who had got him well.

There had never been any question of a romance. It represented a grateful man's desire to bestow his thanks.

A few days later saw him talking to Mrs. J. Salter, who was a nurse at his old hospital, although not his nurse. She lent him a photograph; told him that might help him.

Soon he was showing the photograph to somebody else he thought might be able to help. "Do you know where I can find that woman?" he asked, pointing to a nurse's figure.

All that man could do was to tell him the address of an ex-orderly at the hospital.

Next, he found the ex-orderly. "That nurse there?" he was asked. "Why, of course. She's happily married now. I can give you her address.

His quest ended at a pleasant house where he shook the hand of his war nurse and told her: "Firm with me? Why, of course you were, but don't apologise for that. You got me well, didn't you."

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These MEN MAKE Cup-Winners

Two different roads to success—the manager who never played in big football, Johnnie Cochrane, of Sunderland; and Tom Muirhead, Preston chief, who earned great fame as a player for Glasgow Rangers

A MILLIONAIRE Soccer club director could spend £100,000 on buying the eleven outstanding stars in British football—and still have the mortification of seeing this glittering collection knocked out in the first round of the F.A. Cup competition in which they took part.

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The "certain somebodies" behind Sunderland and Preston North End, two historic Soccer clubs who [illegible] 92,000 people at Wembley [illegible] to the vast majority of [illegible] mere names.

[illegible] the men.

Sunderland first. Wee, dapper, [illegible] Johnnie Cochrane, [illegible] Scots manager; five feet [illegible] mountainous midget of [illegible] knowledge and judgment which [illegible] him to build up at little [illegible] club a side capable of winning the League Championship and [illegible] final of the F.A. Cup in [illegible] seasons.

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SUNDERLAND pays Johnnie Cochrane £1,000 a year, and he probably costs the [illegible] a few hundreds extra in travelling [illegible] Sunderland's little Scot is a [illegible] bowler—when he has heard [illegible] player worth watching.

[illegible] Sunderland's profit was [illegible] in the history of the club. [illegible] by the time the club's share [illegible] Wembley "gate" has been collected more than £16,000 will have [illegible] into the coffers of the club [illegible] Cup-ties alone.

[illegible] probable eleven players who [illegible] Sunderland in the Final, [illegible] obtained for the mere £10 [illegible] per man. It takes something [illegible] than a knowledge of how [illegible] ball to accomplish things [illegible]

[illegible] brings us to a remarkable [illegible] Manager Cochrane's football [illegible] would search record books [illegible] details, for this "Napoleon [illegible] had no playing career in first-class Soccer. His practical experience on the field was negligible.

Yet for most of his life he has been connected, secretarially or managerially, with clubs, big and small. In the ranks of Scottish junior football, where survival is largely a matter of finding players for nothing and selling them to more prominent clubs, Johnnie Cochrane developed a natural ability to spot diamonds in the rough.

He developed, too, a sense of shrewd bargaining that has been the despair of every manager in football. He takes an impish delight in snatching young players from under the very noses of his rivals.

He regales fellow-passengers on long train journeys with the funniest stories of incidents in a lifelong search for Soccer stars.

"Who sent you here?" once asked the glowering, ill-tempered father of a young Scot whose signature Johnnie sought. Johnnie mentioned the name of one of his "scouts"—"The first name I could think of."

To his amazement the father immediately became affable, instructed his son to sign, and bade Johnnie farewell in the heartiest possible manner.

It was not until some days later that Manager Cochrane discovered that the name of the "scout" he had mentioned was the same as that of the local priest, and that the family in question were devout Catholics!

Yet for all his native caution and inherent dislike of big transfer fees, Johnnie is never afraid to support his own judgment with a cheque when necessary.

Mapson, the present Sunderland goalkeeper, is a case in point. Mapson, a Wiltshire lad, cost Sunderland a four-figure cheque, despite the fact that at the time of his transfer he had only had three games in League football—with Reading F.C.—in his life. He has proved a grand bargain.

On the other hand, because he did not think a certain player worth the money asked, Johnnie Cochrane, after having travelled from Sunderland to Plymouth, caught the train back home, having spent only half an hour in the Devon town.

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SUNDERLAND'S front line—Duns, Carter, Gurney, Gallacher, Burbanks—which Johnnie Cochrane more or less "raised" by himself and without cost, is generally considered to be the cleverest footballing quintet in Britain.

And as the club, in fifty-seven years of football, has only succeeded in reaching the Cup Final on one occasion, and has never won the trophy, it will be seen just how much has been accomplished this season.

Little Johnnie has a way with his players. Having found them, placed them, and satisfied himself as to their abilities, he leaves them largely in the hands of his capable trainer, Andy Reid, also, of course, a Scot.

Unlike many managers, he does not sit, a bundle of nervous energy, through matches, crumbling cigarettes or fidgeting in his seat. Johnnie is inconspicuous, even in this.

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THERE are two "certain somebodies" behind Preston North End—tall, greying, typically Lancashire James Taylor, vice-president of the club, and "Jim" to everybody in football; and grave, quiet, business-looking Tom Muirhead, with a brilliant playing record in Scottish football behind him, and an obviously brilliant managerial career in front of him.

Jim Taylor has lived for football for 25 years. Doing everything in a purely honorary capacity, this dour business man, whose bowler hat, incidentally, is as famous in football as Johnnie Cochrane's, virtually ran this famous club for years when there was no manager.

He engineered transfer deals which shook football to its very foundations, pulled the club out of trouble when all seemed lost, and generally directed operations with a skill almost entirely born out of sheer love for the game.

A few years ago, when the Preston club was facing a drop into the Third Division for the first time ever, and losing £100 a week, seemed doomed to disaster, Jim Taylor arranged that transfer from Tottenham of two forwards, Harper and Rowley.

It was a desperate throw, but it succeeded. The parallel in the Preston Cup side is that of the Scottish brothers O'Donnell, Hugh and Frank. When these two clever forwards were obtained from Glasgow Celtic in May, 1935, the football world was staggered.

The crowing of the critics was heard in full song when the brothers failed to harmonise with English football—were even dropped.

But once again Jim Taylor was right. Now the brothers O'Donnell with Fagan, another Celtic player who followed them to Preston, are the stars of the Preston Cup eleven, and have been largely responsible for the club's passage to the Final.

The O'Donnells and Fagan have revitalised the arts of forward play in a town which was nurtured on football craft. Jake Harper, Rowley, Bob Kelly and Tremelling, they have given the team "personality."

People used to mention Preston, and think of McCall.

Later it was "Scotland North End" and Alex James—Jim Taylor was the man who introduced the little Arsenal wizard to English football—to-day the O'Donnells and Preston are synonymous.

The time must come when Jim Taylor will take his place in the councils of football for he has wisdom, foresight, an intense love of Soccer, a dominant personality and he is a fighter.

His face, during the Wembley game, will be a study in expressions of joy and sheer agony. After 25 hectic years with Preston North End, Jim Taylor is still very much the small boy at a match.

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TOM MUIRHEAD gets a Cup Final in his first year of English club management. He cannot yet claim any transfer successes, but already his keen football brain, developed in the stern Scottish school, has enabled him to accomplish this much.

He turned Frank O'Donnell into Scotland's international centre-forward when others insisted his real position was elsewhere in the forward-line; he saw in Fagan a fine inside left when Fagan was being persevered with at outside right, and he spotted full-back Beattie's true position after the young Scot, one of this year's big discoveries in international football, had become the general utility man of the side.

He is the ideal partner for the now not-so-young Jim Taylor. Preston's appearance at Wembley with a side which, at the beginning of the season, was considered to be a mediocre combination is a tribute to some great "double-harness" work.

A human touch can finish this story. When they left Glasgow the O'Donnells received new football boots as gifts from their mother. They used these boots for the first time in a match against Manchester City—a match in which each scored twice and which definitely set the brothers on the road to fame in English football.

Nowadays, the boots are used sparingly, but they are still sound—and Mrs. O'Donnell, from her Wembley seat, may yet have the satisfaction of seeing one of her sons score the winning goal with the boots she gave him, because the brothers will be wearing them at Wembley.

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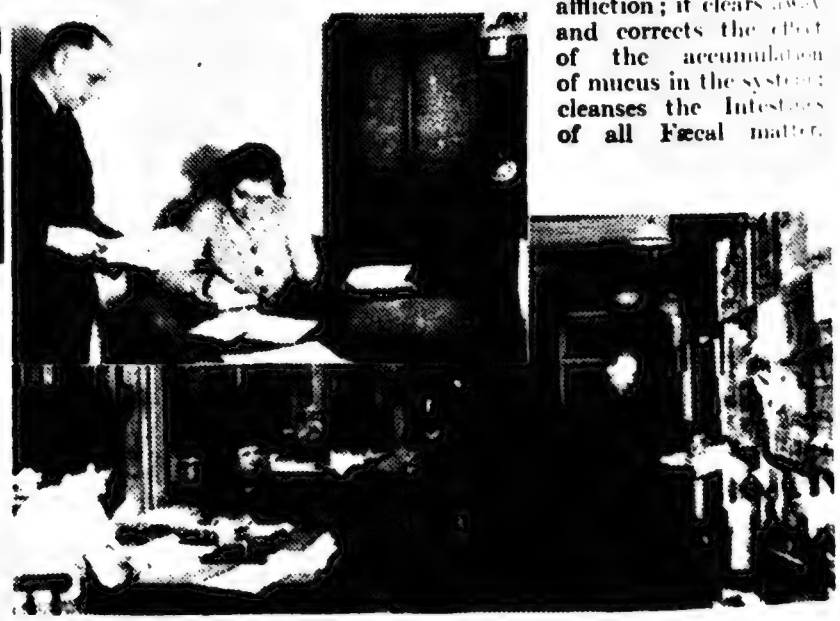

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New Industrial PERIL

by HANNEN SWAFFER

CORONATION WEEK, in spite of what you hear, is faced with the possibility of a general bus strike which would paralyse all London's traffic.

As the cleverest brains in the trade union movement are doing their best to allay the trouble, it may yet happen. Everyone profoundly hopes that a way out will be found.

But the men are nervy. They are suffering from the grave strain of modern traffic—and the long delay of promised hours of shorter hours.

Today the busman's life is a torture. Compared with the times when a dear old gentleman wore a top hat and a wide-spreading cape and carried a whip—for show chiefly, because his horses were his pals. Then he used to turn round and crack jokes with the passengers behind him, and was so uncertain that, when the present Pope received an English politician on the day he entered the Vatican, he told him of his journeys across London behind horses.

Those days have gone. Now, all the time a man is driving a heavy, ponderous motor-bus he suffers from the fumes that come up from the engine. He is always listening for the bell with his ears and watching traffic signals with his eyes. More than that, he is fearful every minute lest someone rushes suddenly across the road in front of him.

Gone are the days of "Good Pull-Up for Carmen." To-day there is no time for a hot meal. Indigestion is a curse.

No longer is life friendly. No longer is there a pair of beloved horses. Life is the long strain.

In the old days, when men had grievances and this applies not only to busmen but all sections of industry—minds were more calm. So disgruntled workmen were more apt to leave the adjustment of grievances to trade union leaders.

One frequent cause of the *unofficial* strike is the sacking of men without proper notice. Sometimes it is only one man who has been discharged for some alleged misconduct.

★ Immediately, with a loyalty characteristic of most working people, the other men go on strike, and threaten to stay out until their mate has been taken back. They do not consult their union officially. They act chivalrously, in a moment. Then the trouble spreads.

In the old days unions were smaller and more specialised. They had not grown as they have to-day, into great combines, with chief officials trained not as agitators but as negotiators and diplomats, who face, all their lives, conciliations and long bargainings with employers.

In a great union to-day, when a section of the men may have an urgent trouble, their chief spokesman is often in a central office some hundreds of miles away, dealing with Whitehall.

★ Often the men will not wait. Their need is urgent. They are suffering from strain. So they come out.

"The strike is unofficial," says the union, which orders the men back to work. Sometimes the men will not go. Then the trouble spreads.

We have just been faced with the fact that, in several counties in the south-east of England, bus drivers and bus-conductors have struck unofficially.

And on the Clyde a thousand shipyard apprentices came out on their own and on the same Scottish river there was an unofficial strike which affected 12,000 men, and which was so successful that after some days the union had to recognise it.

"Lightning strikes" are now damaging the great trade union machine, which is the only hope of the working classes.

For nearly seventy years there has been in existence means for settling disputes between workmen and employers. Only in desperation has there been the calamity of the strike. Gradually there has been set up machinery providing for the settling of disputes, with arbitration as the last resource.

Millions of men are under contract, through their unions, to give notice before they stop work. Any breach of this makes the strike "unofficial."

Yet what we have to face up to is the fact that there is never a strike without cause. We must also realise that under the modern conditions of industry where there is all this strain men are becoming more jumpy.

A few days ago, when given a banquet by a thousand of the leaders of British industry, Stanley Baldwin, uttering what was almost his swan-song as Prime Minister, talked of "the strain in modern industry," and begged those who listened to do their utmost to lessen it.

Yet millions of workers knew, when they heard his speech on the air, that he was the head of a Government which, year after year, has sent to Geneva officials instructed to oppose the forty-hour week, which is one of the easiest means by which strain will be lessened.

Indeed, the first speech he ever made in the House of Commons opposed the Miners' Eight Hour Bill; and he is the only Prime Minister who has ever increased working hours, for in 1926, after the General Strike, he raised the miners' hours of work from seven to eight!

No wonder men are cynical!

Yet workers must remember that, in spite of the difficulties of their most intricate jobs, trade union leaders are doing for them a very big thing. Gradually they are establishing the principle of holidays with pay.

Ernest Bevin, the other day, deeply impressed representatives of all the seaside resorts when he spoke at Skegness on the beneficial result to all holiday towns of granting holidays with pay to all workers.

★ Then, gradually, the unions' plea for the forty-hour week, while it has been rejected by the Government, is gradually convincing the better employers that they could grant it as individual enterprises, without waiting for State action.

It is the union leaders, too, and not employers, who are gradually persuading industry that, with shorter working hours, three shifts can be worked per day instead of two, and that therefore the highly expensive machinery now used can be worked at less cost if it is going all the time.

One cause of the "unofficial strike" is the fact that hundreds of thousands of men are now realising that while great profits are being made, because of the arms boom, and will continue to be made in spite of the Excess Profits Duty, they are entitled to a greater share of what is called the "general prosperity."

Food prices are rising everywhere, and the men are impatient. Their restlessness is natural.

The removal of grievances is going on, but it is not going on as quickly as it should. To-day, vast numbers of workers—they know their William Morris—are realising that the Age of Leisure is here. They want to enjoy it. They know that the Machine should be the slave of man, whereas they realise that they are becoming more and more slaves of the Machine.

★ When, the other day, a Labour M.P. said that if he lost his job in Parliament and had to go back to the pit he would rather work under the old conditions for ten hours than work for only six in the mines to-day, he was wildly cheered by a great gathering of miners who agreed with him.

So great is the strain of mechanised mining that when, recently, at one employment exchange in South Wales, a mine manager applied for labour, no fewer than 500 unemployed men—forty-five years old, and a little older—offered themselves for employment but were all turned down.

"You are too old at forty-five," they were told!

Down in the pit to-day there is no longer the old leisure. You never see a miner start his day's work by sitting down and looking at the coal face, studying it, and seeing how best he can get the coal out.

He has no longer the old pride in his job. There is less craft in it. Less skill is needed. The mine is now merely part of the machines which are all around him, making an incessant noise, pouring up clouds of coal dust.

In these conditions, if he has a grievance, it explodes.

That sort of condition was the cause of the famous stay-in strike at Bedwas. There, for forty-eight hours, 2,000 men stayed in the pit, and would not come up, in spite of their leaders' appeals. After two days, it became an official strike.

Now, while I write, there are unofficial strikes of all kinds going on all over the country.

The problem before us all to-day is, "Will they spread?"

If they do—and only brilliant leadership and understanding by the chief trade union officials can stop them—they may spread until they have jeopardised the returning prosperity of the nation.

Politics and You

Not Good Enough

WHEN are we going to get the White Paper the Government promised to issue on the Private Manufacture and Trade in Arms? It is ready for publication. Why this delay? It is overdue and ought to be out.

This can be said straightaway. It will disappoint those who've hoped the Government would come down in favour of taking the profit-making motive out of the arms traffic. Manufacturers are to be left free to make what they can and, presumably, sell where they please.

These days are golden days for them. The seven largest Powers are now spending on arms about £5,000 a minute. Great Britain herself is spending 75 per cent. more.

Enormous profits are being made—by private firms. Ten big concerns engaged in armaments manufacture show an increased profit of 190 per cent. over two years ago. Aeroplane companies are on record paying 22, 30 and 40 per cent. Speculators in commodities have taken a hand in the game. The price of raw materials—tin, zinc, steel, copper, lead—has soared sky-high.

And this is having disastrous effects on the lives of ordinary folk. Prices of other goods are beginning to rise in sympathy. The cost of living is going up. Food is up seven points compared with this time last year, but money wages have remained practically stationary. If this kind of thing continues, labour unrest will increase.

The Government is obviously alive to what is happening. It undoubtedly realises that the community remembers the profiteering that went on during the war, and knows that it won't stand for it again.

This is the reason why the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced in his Budget speech that he intended to levy, on all businesses making over £2,000 a year, a tax on any rise in their profits.

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A step in the right direction; but it doesn't go far enough. It will miss many who ought to be caught in the net, and who should not be allowed to wax fat at the expense of the nation.

The real solution lies in rigid control similar to that in force towards the end of the last war. Under the system then employed the price of shells was cut to half; and £15,000,000 was saved to the State by the Metals Department alone, to say nothing of much greater sums in other ways.

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The SPY PLOT ROOM

ONCE again Europe is in the throes of spy fever, with all its accompanying bouts of delirium or panic perspiration. In the year ending March, France is reported to have made 240 spy arrests, most of whom have been sentenced to long terms of imprisonment. Some are stated to have been shot. Germany admits to six beheadings within recent months—all of persons who are said to have "disposed of Reich secrets to a foreign Power."

And Britain? We have had half a dozen recent cases which have made front page news, and scores which the public has never heard about because they have never reached the courts.

"M.I.5" and other sections of Britain's counter-espionage services have dealt with these cases in their own way without fuss or publicity. The spies concerned have been quietly escorted out of the country, thankful, no doubt, to be let off so lightly.

◆◆ Prime cause of the spy fever is the fantastic piling up of armaments which is going on all over Europe and which has now culminated in Britain's £1,500,000,000 defence plans.

As good a guide as any to *our* activities in this hidden war of brains is the money spent on what is called the Secret Service Vote.

This fund administered by the Foreign Office and the Treasury, was set down at £350,000 in the last Estimates. In 1934 it was £180,000.

So in two years it has nearly doubled. Details of that fund—on whom, on what and how it is spent are known to only two people, Sir Robert Vansittart, permanent head of the Foreign Office, and Sir Warren Fisher, head of the Treasury. The detailed accounts of the Secret Service Vote are personally kept by Sir Warren and made up in his own hand.

But apart from this vote of £350,000 there are other amounts spent on "contra-espionage" by the Intelligence Departments of the Services like M.I.5. These have all increased enormously during the past year. Combined expenditure on all phases of the Secret Service cannot be far short now of £500,000.

That is a tidy packet of money, but not too much to spend on protecting the proper outlay of that £1,500,000,000 armaments scheme.

But if you think that money is spent on beautiful "vamps" supplied with endless expense accounts, or on mysterious personages who dog foreign diplomats on Continental sleeping cars, or on any of the similar characters and paraphernalia of the "spy story," you will, of course, be wrong.

The modern spy, of any country, is generally an expert professional man—an engineer, chemist, industrialist, University professor — or some specially trained expert in ballistics and similar sciences from one or other of the Services.

And they are highly paid. The riff-raff of spydom, the hordes of snoopers—the "agent's double" and their kind who thrived on their ready ears, went out with the last war into the archives of fiction.

If they "heard" anything now they wouldn't understand it. The language of war has become too technical.

Brains must be matched with brains, and although the British Secret Service has always traditionally been dumb, they have proved that they have no shortage of that commodity.

Most familiar (by name) to the public of all branches of that service is M.I.5. From its H.Q. in London (it is not politic, of course, to give its precise address) radiates all Britain's intricate web of counter-espionage.

Under its direction are armies of anonymous observers who keep watch on dockyards, arsenals, aircraft and arms factories. Its ears and eyes are everywhere—in the Services, in the City, in hotels, tourist offices and restaurants of the big towns.

It maintains an unsleeping watch at seaports and airports. Working in close conjunction with it is the Special Branch of the Yard, the immigration officials, and the "I.B." departments of the Post Office and Customs.

It maintains an enormous dossier of information about the spies of all nations, information garnered by itself and constantly replenished with material supplied from British secret agents abroad.

◆◆ Into the rooms of M.I.5 flows a constant stream of daily information for sifting. A lot of it information without apparent significance. . . . That foreign teacher of languages, for instance, who has had four different jobs in as many months.

Or like that actual instance a few months ago, when a Sussex village constable reported a motor-cycle as being stolen from a bungalow occupied by a foreign visitor called Dr. Goertz.

At its call it has chemical and physics experts who with ultra violet ray and chemical processes can decipher the contents of sealed messages; even extract an original and substitute a faked message (as has been done on many recorded instances) without the recipient being any the wiser.

Most romantic of all the services available to M.I.5, however (if you can used the word "romantic" in this connection), is the room where the cryptographers work—the room which took over the job done by the famous "Black Chamber" during the war.

In this room sit the strange mathematical geniuses who, with the technique they have developed, can boast that they can break any code or cypher within twenty-four hours.

The phrase once used by one of these experts is, "No cypher can now withstand intensive scrutiny for more than a day."

The Foreign Offices of all the world use these experts for their own purposes. All countries intercept each other's radioed messages. But M.I.5 uses the cypher-breakers for its own purposes—for keeping watch and ward on the communications of suspect spies.

But M.I.5 has other functions to perform besides surveillance on individuals. It surveys protection methods which are used to guard important documents and material.

◆◆ It is from M.I.5 that the recent order went out to all the new aircraft factories that special watchmen and burglar alarms be fitted on head offices, that all key plans be stored in special safes, regularly inspected by the executives and reported upon.

It is M.I.5 which issued the notice now circulated and displayed in Whitehall offices, instructing clerks and others "not to discuss departmental business in restaurants and other public places."

The essence of a Secret Service is, of course, to be "secret," and the personnel, with the exception of one or two members of M.I.5 whose names have been permitted to appear in recent courts' reports, remain utterly unknown *even to many Members of the Government.*

The final anonymity shrouds the identity of the man at the top of M.I.5. It was once said of a previous chief of the section that he was even buried in an assumed name.

In the circles where the activities of M.I.5 are known, and among its employees, even the place which houses its headquarters is not referred to by its address; it goes under a nickname.

◆◆ To the cynical, to the people who will never give even our Foreign Office "brains" the respect that is due, though the foreigner does, all that may sound too heavily "hush-hush." But it does not detract from the efficiency of this vital section of Britain's defence.

Even before the war it was good enough to beat the best brains of the Wilhelmstrasse. Few people now remember that on the eve of August 4, 1914, every German spy in England—and there were scores of them—was rounded up and put under lock and key.

They thought, and Berlin thought, that their work had gone on undetected. But M.I.5 knew. It knew them all and let them go on, often arranging for fake information to pass into their hands.

Since those far-off days the department has learned much more—enough to see that the 1,000 and more suspected spies reputed to be in Britain now get little for their pains—enough to ensure that its share of that £500,000 "Secret" Vote is well spent.

THE HUMAN MACHINE

THERE was once a small girl who had read in the Bible that faith could do anything. She had read that it could remove mountains. And, as she was too small to understand the meaning of what she had read, she determined to test out this interesting assertion.

She argued very logically that if faith could remove a mountain it could all the more easily turn a candlestick upside down. So she got a candlestick, put it on the table, and willed it to turn upside down—muttering as she did so: "But I bet it won't I bet it won't!"

It didn't; and that incident left her a sadly puzzled little girl for many years. That is a perfectly true story, and even to-day that girl, now an elderly woman, is suffering from the same complaint.

She doesn't only hope against hope. She positively works against hope. She sets out to do something, telling herself all the time that it can't possibly happen. And it mostly doesn't!

Now whose fault is that? And how many people are like that?

There's only one way to make the things happen that you want to happen—and that's to get busy helping them to happen. A negative attitude, even a passive attitude, towards the world and yourself isn't going to do you any good.

You must develop not only a positive but a positively aggressive attitude. You must be quite certain that you can do what you want to do, and you must be quite certain that you can make everyone believe it too. There are always plenty of people willing to thwart you without you getting on their side against yourself.

Faith can do to-day what it always did. It can move mountains and anything else you want moved. It built the Panama Canal, and it drove the Canadian Pacific Railway. It built the Sydney Bridge and it is performing miracles of every kind every day.

But if you want faith to do anything you must begin at the beginning. You must first have absolute and complete faith in the person who is going to do whatever you want done. You must start by believing in yourself.

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The Methodist Church, Muswell Hill, where the mother attended a service with our representative

The Rev. W. Russell Shearer, with his wife, who co-operated in our discussion

This series represents the fruits of a unique investigation conducted by "John Bull" in an endeavour to gauge the attitude of people with problems towards the Archbishop of Canterbury's Recall to Religion.

We have interviewed men and women who might be expected to be ready to grasp whatever hope or comfort the Church can offer them.

Some have accompanied our representative to church; have chatted frankly to the preachers and to us, describing their reactions.

In their stories you may learn the conclusions each reached and whether they gained any satisfying answer to their general query: "What can the Church do for me?"

ALTHOUGH the stairs were old, they were very clean. They led me up to a room of scrupulous cleanness, but which contained very few sticks in the way of furniture.

There was an open cupboard. Well-scrubbed shelves, tier on tier. Those shelves must know the scrubbing-brush more often than food.

"I have called to see you because you are the wife of an unemployed man," I told the woman of the house. "Your husband was kind enough to bring me."

"Well?" she asked. There was something almost antagonistic in the way she uttered that word.

"No, there is to be no prying into your private affairs," I corrected. "This is no slumming expedition. I want to take you to church, that's all.

"I want to see what the churches can offer in solution of your problems. I want to know whether they really want you. There is a lot I want to see for myself. It arises out of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Recall to Religion, you know."

"Why should I know anything about the Archbishop's whatever-it-is?"

"The wireless," I answered. "His appeal to people of good faith, in which he had the other denominations with him wholeheartedly, was broadcast into millions of homes."

"But not this," she replied.

"Wireless! You see those three girls asleep in bed? They are fourteen, twelve and ten, yet they went to bed almost at dusk because it was the only way to keep warm.

"See that empty grate? See that empty cupboard? Where am I going to get wireless? . . . And besides, how silly it would be for me to go to any church, 'cause I'm not a Christian."

"You don't believe in God?"

"Yes, I do, in a sort of way. I believe that God gave me those children, and that He looks to me to take care of them. I don't know whether He'd expect any more of me than that.

"And my husband. Look at him. He's drenched to the skin. I believe God would rather I got him warm with some old coats instead of standing here talking religion."

I let her "get him warm." Weary with her own thoughts, her mind riddled with dismay at fears for the morrow, it was yet something noble to see her solicitude for him.

Then I asked her again: "But you will come to church with me next Sunday? Just let's see if the church—whatever church you like—can help you. Helping you would be helping the children, you know."

"I suppose it would," she said tiredly. "All right, I'll come."

On my way home I congratulated myself on the happy outcome of my quest. This woman was going to be a good subject for my enquiry.

She had needed a lot of finding.

I had gone to the Embankment at three that afternoon, in pouring rain, when the Thames was at flood tide.

I had wondered whether I would find some despairing soul looking down into the swirling waters. I found despairing souls, all right, but they were shivering under arches, some of them whining for the pennies that would buy them hot coffee.

I asked some of them to come to church with me. A few swore. All the rest were contemptuous.

Then I sought the Strand. It was there, outside a glittering restaurant, that I found a young man with a gramophone.

I had to gain his confidence before he told me his whole sorry story. He had been there since eight that morning. He showed me the takings: two shillings and threepence.

Yes, he had a wife. One of the few really fine things Life had given him, he described her. Yes, he knew she would jump at the idea of going to church with me, and he would take me to her then and there. With the results that you already know. She certainly didn't jump at the idea!

However, she had agreed.

And here we were, on the very next Sunday, making for a church that was in very convenient reach from her home, the Methodist Church at Muswell Hill.

It is a solid, imposing-looking church. My companion lost heart a little when she looked up at its massive square tower.

There was such vigorous handshaking from the steward when we entered that she had a suspicion, at first, that I had made some preparations beforehand.

But I reassured her as soon as we had been conducted to our seats.

The resident and officiating minister, the Rev. W. Russell Shearer, M.A., was, I convinced her, quite ignorant of our presence or intentions.

"Do you know that I haven't been in a church since my wedding?" she whispered to me as the service started. "Apart from the three christenings, of course."

She wouldn't tell me what she thought about it. I was left to judge from the way she writhed in her seat that she was uncomfortable, if not definitely antagonistic . . .

The order of service followed the usual Methodist Church lines.

CAN THE CHURCH DO FOR ME?—2

With the thought of her hungry children ever before her, any mother would be beset by doubts

Mother Who Doubted

I can say, as a man who has played the church organ, that the renderings of Mr. George Swidenbank, the organist and choirmaster, were exceptionally bright and cheerful.

The prayers were intensely human.

And I so liked the Bible reading, with the familiar parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Piece of Silver and the Prodigal Son, that I was glad to find the minister taking a masterly and gripping sermon on it.

The service ended all too quickly for my liking. I at once sought the minister in the vestry and explained the whole object of our visit.

His ready appreciation of the situation was apparent. We started our triangular interview at once.

Then, warming up to it, he felt that his wife should have a share in the conversation. And he thought it would be better carried out over food, too.

So in his house, over his own refreshments, the genial and soft-voiced Rev. W. Russell Shearer set the ball rolling with a sudden and very direct "Well, what did you think of the service?"

Just as quickly came the answer from my companion: "I was bored."

That cleared the decks, so to speak. Without waiting another second Mrs. P——, as I will call her, began a relentless fusillade that might have angered some ministers.

Mr. Shearer just smiled and nodded, nodded and smiled.

"In my opinion, if I could find sixpence to go to the pictures I would get my money's worth," she said, "but you can't tell me that I do in church."

Mr. Shearer raised a finger. "I don't think we can compare them, either to the disadvantage of one or the other. The cinema sets itself out to sell amusement, a commodity which money is intended to buy. The church—if it does its duty properly—should provide fellowship and companionship. Money doesn't buy them."

"But does the church provide it?"

"I was careful enough to say that it should," replied Mr. Shearer.

"But I think the cinemas do give me good value."

The minister laughed. "I must candidly and, I am afraid, humorously admit that people can get more good from someone they like rather than from an institution, however worthy. The cinemas provide vivid humanity. But where and when it provides vivid human contacts, the church itself is saved from being a mere institution.

"I mean," he qualified, "that it is very much up to people in the church."

Mrs. P—— changed her ground. "Can you explain to me, then, why I don't feel a bit better for having come to-night?'

The answer surprised her.

"Well, lots of people feel no better. I think they should, but that is my way of looking at it. The fact is that they don't. I can say of many more of them that if they do feel better, they have a funny way of showing it."

"But the church doesn't practise what it preaches."

"I think you are striving to tell me something. Something about yourself. Very, very unfortunately, what you say about the Church is all too often only too true. As a practising minister I only wish I could deny it.

"The church has an efficient organisation. I could wish that something more practical could result from its work, that we could have more of deeds. Something with a practical effect on everyday lives."

Mrs. P—— assured him that that was very true. "You see, I myself am very practical in my religion," she said. "I just tell myself that God made me a mother and that my duty is to my children. That is my religion, not Christianity."

"Not Christianity!" echoed Mr. Shearer. "Why, here you are all the time telling me about your love of your children, and how you care for them, and so on, things that show that in those respects at least you compare with the best Christian in the world, yet you will finish up by telling me you are not a Christian.

"Why, you show an instinctive love in every reference you make to your home. You acknowledge that God gave you that instinctive love. You know as well as I do that it is something over which you have no control.

"Whether you believe it or not, that means you are a member of the Church—or I should say of religion. You may not show it by church attendance, but you show it by your attitude towards all whom you love."

Said my companion suddenly: "But God made you a parson. Surely your duty is to see to your flock, and if they are not doing their duty to tell them to go to hell."

"Many of my flock unfortunately and admittedly know they are heading for hell," said Mr. Shearer. "It is my duty, however imperfectly I may succeed, to save them from such a fate.

"Of course, Mrs. P——, it is a very harsh interpretation of teaching, but an interpretation which most men understand, which makes me say that many of my flock admit they are heading for hell.

"Then ministers are apt to fail. Ninety-five per cent. of the ministers of this country must admit to themselves the failure of their churches to get practical results in the alleviation of social ills."

"Anyhow," said the unemployed man's wife, "I personally don't think you can cleanse a soul by preaching to it any more than you can clean a room by preaching or praying about it."

Mr. Shearer looked round the room. "I must call my wife in on that. I want her collaboration," he said.

Then: "What she says is quite right," added Mrs. Shearer, who had just returned from attending to the refreshments. "I agree with her."

"And so do I," said the minister. "In other words, act first and pray afterwards. Don't just pray first and then hope for the best."

Mrs. P—— changed her ground again. "What is your actual idea of practical Christianity?" she asked; to which came the prompt answer: "The pivotal point of real Christianity is love."

"Good; then if that's so, I'm as good a Christian as any who were in church to-night. I love my children, and the fact that through my love and care they've never had a doctor—haven't I done my duty as a Christian?"

Remembering what Mr. Shearer had already said on this subject, I could see questioner and questioned reaching common ground.

"And why should a mother who loves and cares for her children suffer the pangs of poverty and hardships when the essence of Christianity is love?

"Do you know what my children had for Sunday dinner? For five people, mark you? Two bloaters and bread and margarine bought out of all that was left of the family exchequer till their dad earned some more—sixpence.

"Do you expect those children to believe there is love in the Christian faith?"

"Going through everything, you say there is irrefutable common-sense," admitted Mr. Shearer. "Such things represent our terrible failures, but we have our successes."

And then he and Mrs. Shearer told her of work of alleviation by the churches, often by the humblest people in it, that opened her eyes a little to the good that was in humanity.

Incontrovertible evidence, it was. Perhaps Mrs. P—— has been unlucky in suffering so much from the dross of life, and seeing so little of the gold.

So far as our eager questioner was concerned, Mr. Shearer revelled in her frankness.

I gather that he doesn't intend to lose touch with her—and that answers the question of whether the Church wants her or not.

I am assured that no time will be lost in making every endeavour to find her husband a job as a motor-van driver, his real trade.

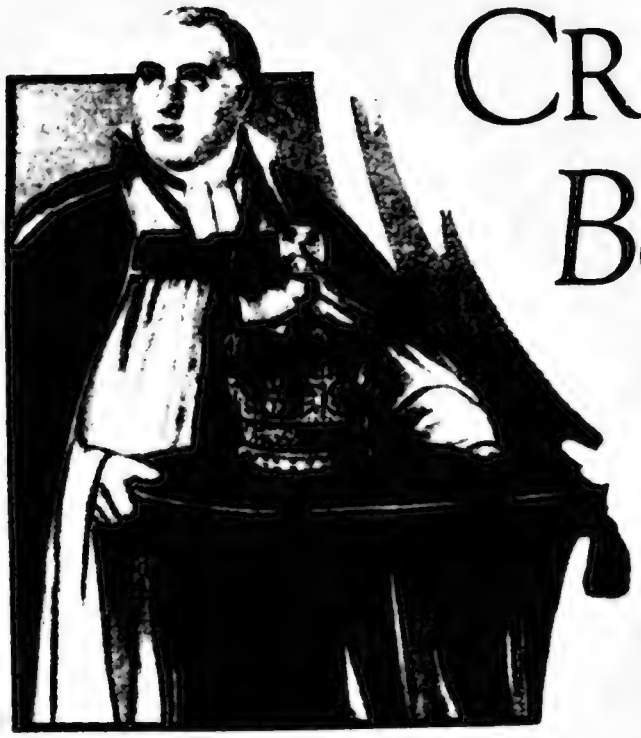
If that happens . . . why, even now, Mrs. P—— cannot get it out of her head that what is *most* wrong with the churches is that they can't show practical results.

Next Week:

The Tramp and the Fashionable Church.

BEHIND THE CORONATION SCENE (Conclusion)

CROWN Borrowed for a Day!



The Dean of Westminster brings the crown from the Altar to hand to the Archbishop of Canterbury—the final act before the actual crowning

AND now the gunners at the old Tower of London will range up in teams to blaze their cannonades of joy over London.

The dense crowds outside the Abbey will attune their ears to hear the trumpets that will speak just two seconds before the guns.

All is ready for the huge tide of cheering that will go sweeping along the many miles of the royal route.

At that moment the people of two hundred tongues distributed over the whole face of the globe will be waiting, tense, expectant. Such is the miracle of modern wireless.

Meanwhile, while a whole world waits, what of the ceremony itself? Events will be moving towards their climax.

"Receive this Imperial Robe and Orb," the Archbishop of Canterbury will say, handing to the King, as he rises from his Coronation chair, a pall of cloth of gold and the golden ball, embellished with diamonds, rubies, emeralds and sapphires.

Then the Keeper of the Jewel House will advance, in his hands a ring from which flashes arise like flame.

"Receive this Ring," the Archbishop will say, "ensign of kingly dignity, and of defence of the Catholic Faith."

Then the Lord of the Manor of Worksop will advance with a glove. That is his immemorial right. Ancient customs, some of which have fallen into disuse, gave other men the right to carry the King's banner, or his lance, or to be his Cock-crower or his Barber, the last post entailing being present when the King is shaved for his crowning, to "protect the Royal throat."

When the King has pulled the glove over his fingers, the Archbishop will say: "Receive the Royal Sceptre," and will hand the Sceptre into the King's beloved hands.

"Receive the Rod of Equity and Mercy," he will say. "Punish the wicked, protect and cherish the just, and lead your people in the way wherein they should go."

It is the Sceptre with its engraving of the rose, the shamrock and the thistle, which contains the half of the Star of Africa, found so romantically in a South African mine, a stone of mystery that seems hauntingly symbolical of what is taking place.

But this is no time to toy with fantasy. The actual Coronation is due to begin.

All eyes now will be on a crown that lies shimmering on the altar. One of very many crowns that will be on show in the Abbey.

Slowly, with a full sense of all that it means, the Archbishop of Canterbury will gather that crown tenderly in his hands.

Now, you will not be able to picture that crown.

You have seen the Crown of England presented on documents, stamps, regimental colours, and so on. It is not like that emblem. In fact, that crown you see so often portrayed has never existed in actual fact.

The crown of official documents is a figment of an artist's imagination. This is a real, full-blooded thing with hundreds of diamonds flashing in it. It will dwarf all the decorations of the Abbey with its brilliance as the Archbishop turns from the altar with it and brings it into the full light of day.

We have told how Cromwell destroyed the original of it. The London jewellers were hard put to it to produce an adequate copy in time to crown Charles II following the Restoration.

In fact, the ceremony had to be postponed until Sir Robert Viner, the Royal Goldsmith, could find enough suitable jewels to decorate a new crown.

Luxury-loving George IV refused to be crowned until the ornament was remade entirely to his liking. That created a really grave situation for his Ministers, for, after the job was done, the Chancellor of the Exchequer was unable to raise the necessary £70,000 to pay for the work, and the jewellers would not part with it.

There was an undignified way out, representatives of his Majesty's Government going along to the shop, and, after a lot of bickering and beating about as to terms, agreeing to borrow the Crown of England for a day at a rental of £7,000.

And why should it be the Archbishop of Canterbury who will lift that glittering circlet of diamonds, sapphires, pearls and rubies from the altar and advance to the King seated on the famous Coronation stone?

As the supreme head of the Church? No.

William I was crowned by the Archbishop of York. The Archbishop of Canterbury tried to wrest the privilege from him, pointing out that there was a danger that Brother York might confer the Crown on a Scot or Dane, being a Saxon himself.

He didn't win his point, but the King made an order that the privilege of conferring the Crown should belong for ever to the Primates of Canterbury.

There have been Kings who believed that they should have been allowed to place the Crown on their own heads, as a sign of their supremacy. But the whole significance of the ceremony lies in the fact that a King does not crown himself.

When the Archbishop lifts it from the altar and puts it on the head of a king, it is a token that his kingship is a solemn trust committed to him by God.

But now the man who once, as a boy, craned his neck to see a Coronation, is watching the slow, measured approach of an Archbishop of Canterbury with that supreme token of trust in his hands.

It will be a moment of dramatic intensity. Few, packed tier upon tier in the vast amphitheatre around, will not feel the thudding of their own hearts. A dropped book will sound like an explosion in the strained hush.

Slowly, all the most gorgeously attired prelates and others taking part in the ceremony will close on King Edward's chair. What a splash of silky, scintillating colour they will make!

All the greatest artists have wanted to paint that great scene. Few have ever had the chance.

"Here the King must be put in mind to bow his head," says the ancient order of service.

He will need no reminding. He will be waiting for the actual words that have told scores of kings the exact moment when they must do so:

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"*The Dean of Westminster shall bring the Crown, and the Archbishop taking it off him shall reverently put it on the King's head.*

"*At the sight whereof the People, with loud and repeated shouts, shall cry, God Save the King.*

"*The Peers and the Kings of Arms shall put on their coronets. And the trumpets shall sound. And by a signal given the great guns at the Tower shall be shot off.*

"*And the acclamation ceasing, the Archbishop shall go on and say: 'God crown you with a crown of glory and righteousness, that by the ministry of this our benediction, having a right faith and manifold fruit of good works, you may obtain the crown of an everlasting kingdom by the gift of Him Whose kingdom endureth for ever.'*

"*Then the choir shall sing, 'Be strong, and play the man. Keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in His ways.'*"

"The acclamation ceasing . . ." Only it represented the frenzied cheering of a few thousand supporters in a forest glade.

Even at the last Coronation only those people who were within earshot of the guns of the Tower could cheer at the exact moment of the putting on of the crown.

On May 12, the whole world will hear. Hundreds of millions will join in the "acclamation" rigidly prescribed by hands that are long since dead, but which would have burst out spontaneously whether they prescribed or not.

And now the Archbishop will take the Bible on which his Majesty took the oath at the altar, and shall place in the King's hands with the words:

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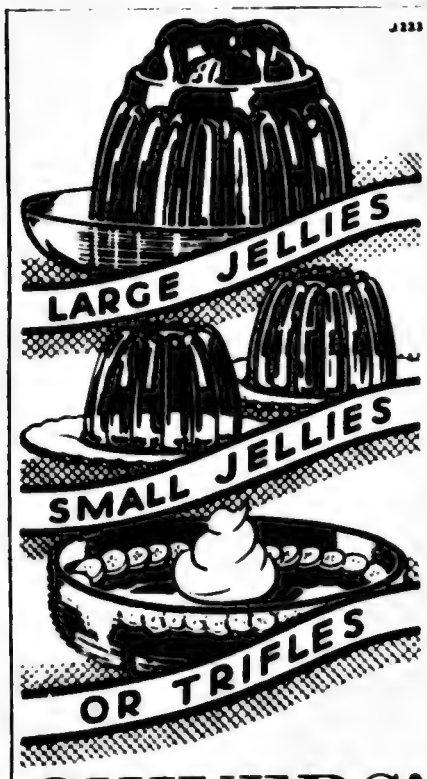

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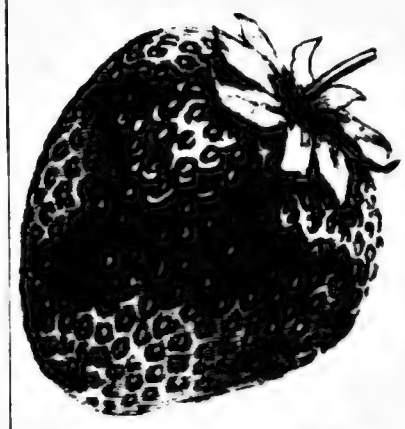

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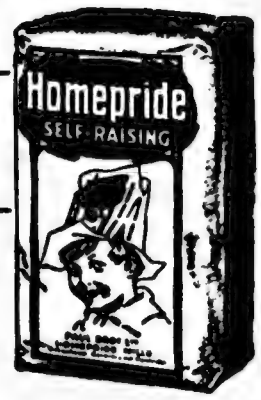

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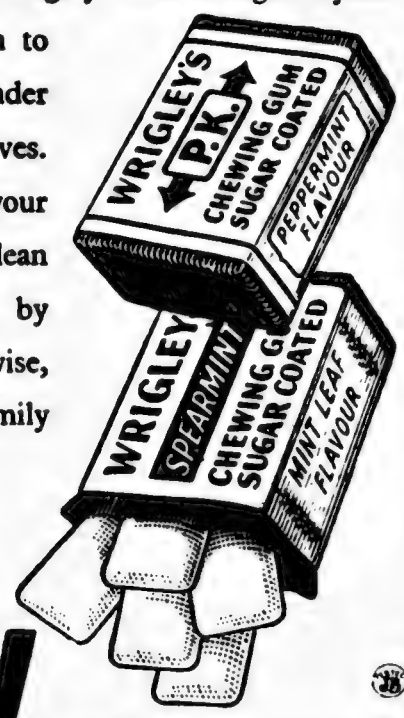

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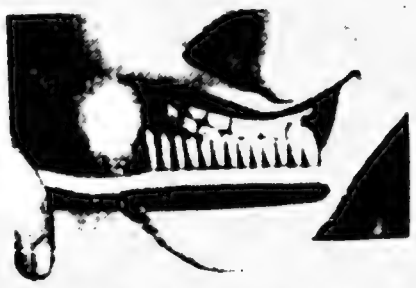

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All who bear swords will then gather round the enthroned King. The regalia will be brought up by those who carried it in procession, and they will group round about him with it. And then will follow the Exhortation, one of the most beautiful parts of the Coronation service.

"Stand firm . . . hold fast from henceforth the seat of royal and imperial dignity. . . . And the Lord God Almighty, whose ministers we are, and the stewards of his mysteries, establish your throne in righteousness, that it may stand fast for evermore like as the sun before Him and as the faithful witness in Heaven."

And then the Homage. One's mind flies back again to the coronations that were held in forest glades, picturing warriors who lifted their shields and pledged themselves to the death.

The Archbishop will kneel to make his pledge. The Bishops will follow suit.

"I, Cosmo, Archbishop of Canterbury," he will say.

He will pause then, while each Bishop individually repeats his name and title.

"—— will be faithful and true," he will continue. "And faith and truth will we bear unto you our Sovereign Lord, and your heirs, Kings of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Defenders of the Faith and Emperors of India.

"And I will do and truly acknowledge the service of the lands which I claim to hold of you, as in the right of the Church."

Then, in pledge, he will bend and kiss the King's cheek.

It will then be the turn of the members of the Royal Family in order of their nearness to the Throne—*but only if they are Peers of the Realm.* That needs emphasising, because so many people are expecting that little Princess Elizabeth will be the first member of the family to take the pledge and kiss her father.

No, she will be watching. She will be not far away from the Queen Mother, the first Queen of England, it is believed—history doesn't help us a lot on this—to see her son crowned. The past year has dealt her some heavy blows.

Now it is her turn to rejoice.

What will they be thinking—Queen Mary and "Lilybet"?

The Duke of Gloucester will now approach and, taking off his coronet, will kneel before the King's knees. He will wait until the other Princes of the Blood Royal have knelt with him, and will then utter the words which they will all have to repeat after him:

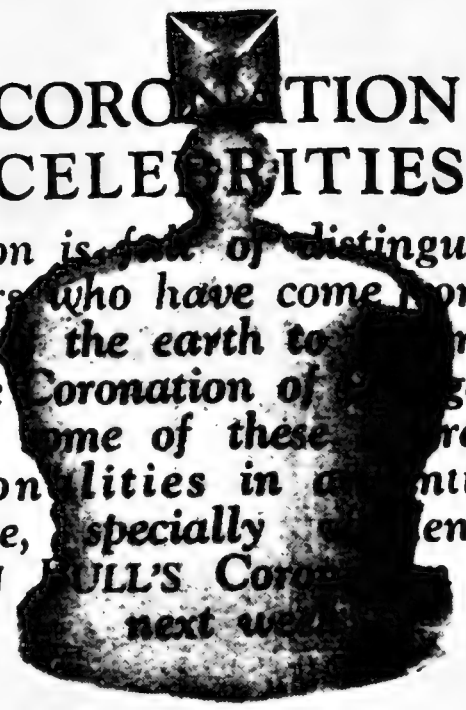
"I do become your liege man of life and limb, and of earthly worship. And faith and truth I will bear unto you, to live and die, against all manner of folk. So help me God."

And then the Princes shall touch the crown as it rests on the King's head, and shall kiss the King's cheek.

After that the Dukes will do the same homage in the same words. After them, in order, the Marquesses, the Earls, the Viscounts, and finally the Barons.

"The first of each Order shall stretch forth his hand and touch the crown on his Majesty's head, as promising by that ceremony for himself and his Order to be ever ready to support it with all their power; and then shall he kiss the King's cheek."

After that, the King will be relieved by people standing near him of part of the heavy regalia, and the Bishops will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case the weight of the crown on his head

"And then, the Act of Homage ended," say the old words, "the drums shall beat, the trumpets sound, and all the people shout, crying, God Save King George, Long Live King George, May the King Live for Ever.

"The solemnity of the King's Coronation being thus ended, the Archbishop will leave the King in his throne."

He will be left in his throne to become a spectator for the first time. The focus of the ceremony will move. All attention will now be centred on his Queen.

He will see her walk to the steps of the Altar with the assistance of the Bishops, hear the prayer that she shall be guarded from all dangers both ghostly and bodily, and watch as she is anointed—on the crown of the head only—beneath that gorgeous pall of the cloth of gold.

He will see the Ring placed on the fourth finger of her right hand, the crown placed on her head by—as the Archbishop will say—"our Episcopal hands, though unworthy."

And then, having received all her ornaments, she will walk towards her husband sitting on the Throne of England, "will bow herself reverently to his Majesty as she passeth by," and will then take her seat in her own throne.

It may be recalled that Edward the Confessor neglected to provide a crown for a queen. Queen Alexandra had a special crown of her own. So did Queen Mary. So will Queen Elizabeth.

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The presentation committee suddenly came on him and asked him to produce it. They gazed in consternation as he made a vain search and research of his pockets.

Their hearts sank even deeper as he shouted "Gone!" and mounted a fast horse to reach his home and continue the quest.

Just as he had exhausted the last room a servant asked him: "For what is the sahib searching? Is it a piece of glass?"

"Yes, yes!" gasped Sir John. "How you got it?"

"Yes, sahib. . . . It was under the sahib's bed."

There remains little to describe of the great service of May 12.

After brief Communion will come the last of the Coronation ceremonies. Recess. While the choir is singing *Te Deum Laudamus*, the King will descend from the throne and go through a door into St. Edward's Chapel.

In St. Edward's Chapel he will remove the Royal Robe of State and don a robe of purple velvet.

Then, through the south door of the Abbey by which he entered, he will go to show himself to his "faithful Commons" during the return journey which will wind its way through the streets of London.

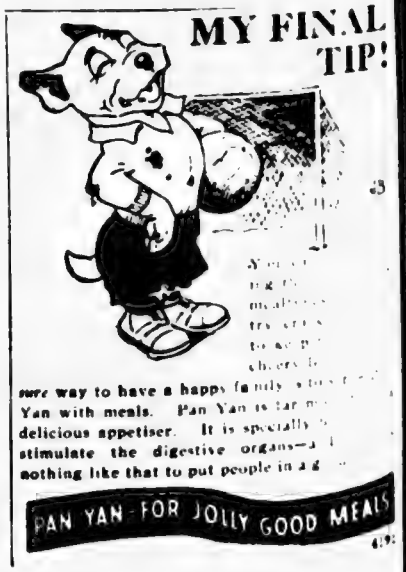
The streets of London. Here his People, come to pay their homage in their own way.

They will be packed along the route, perched on vantage points on the lions, struggling, craning for one look at their King and Queen.

It is these people who share the joy and sorrow of the Royal Family, for they were their own joys and sorrows, who really make a Coronation. The privileged few who look down from the purple stands in the Abbey.

They will be forgetting the rows, now. This is Joy Day. Coronation Day.

God Save the King *and Queen*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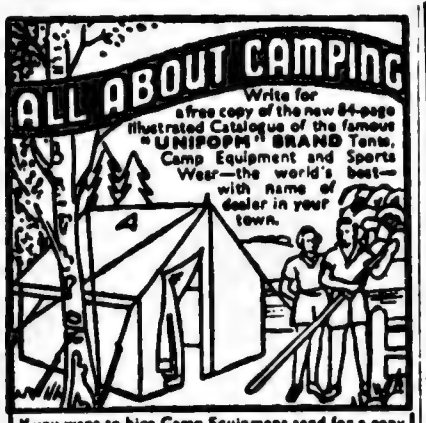
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An example of the work done by members of the men's institutes. Scholarships are available, and several members have submitted promising work—both paintings and sculptures—to the Royal Academy. Success for many of them is not far off

ON private view day at the Royal Academy cabinet ministers mingle with men and women whose names are celebrated in Art and Literature: Bishops rub shoulders with stars of the stage and screen.

It is among this distinguished assembly that we find one of the proudest and happiest men in the country. The ordinary workman, who at last is able to see a picture he has painted hanging on the same wall as the works of artists whose names are famous throughout the world.

In working men's clubs and institutes throughout the country you will find men with monotonous jobs, men whom unemployment has robbed of the joy of life, seeking solace in the art classes.

In the R.A. Exhibition of 1935 there was a picture called "The Hairdresser's Cubicle." It was painted so carefully and with such meticulous attention to the smallest detail that many critics compared it to a "Vermeer."

Only the Dutch masters paid so much attention in portraying the simple lives and surroundings of ordinary people.

The artist was George Ginger, a hairdresser's assistant, who painted the objects and places he saw in his daily life, as a hobby. He knew things about a hairdresser's shop which the professional artist could never know. He got atmosphere into his simple picture.

Then there was Walter Goodin—a railway porter—who saw beyond the platforms where he good-temperedly trundled luggage for many hours a day. He saw the beauty of his native Yorkshire and painted landscapes in his spare time.

The Royal Academy accepted his works, and Frederick Ewell, R.A., became so interested in Goodin that he helped to set him upon the career of a professional artist.

There is Harry Speight, of Egremont, near Whitehaven. Just a working man, like millions in this country. His strong, nimble fingers wanted to do more than his work; they wanted to create some of the ideas he had in his mind.

Last year an example of his sculpture was seen at the Academy; this year he sent in two more.

At the Bethnal Green Men's Institute they have 2,000 members, and there is not a more popular section than the art class. This is typical of many other institutes throughout the country.

Many of the students at such centres are unemployed men, who find the art classes the brightest thing in their lives.

J. Cashden is a regular attendant at Bethnal Green, for instance. He also attends the Royal Academy schools, for which he won a scholarship. More than that, he carried off a prize of £10 for drawing during his first term.

The R.A. schools cost £4,000 a year, and although there is no subsidy provided by the State, students are not charged any fees.

Every opportunity is given to genius. It is possible for a student to win £100 a year in prizes while attending the school. A really clever young artist can just maintain himself with the money he can gain in this way.

Not only are scholarships and travelling prizes awarded, but leaving grants are given to students who have no money at all when they conclude their course.

These grants are made from such bequests as Bird's Charity—Landseer, Stott and Turner were among the earlier artists who gave generously to the funds which enable the Academy schools to carry on.

It is inspiring to see how much these young artists, beset with such difficulties, can achieve.

Hattemore, whose picture was bought for the nation and hangs in the Tate Gallery, began his career at the Bethnal Green class. He was then employed as a navvy.

K. Tendeter, an East End taxi driver, works regularly in the modelling class at Bethnal Green; his sculpture was too late for the Royal Academy last year, but he is trying his luck this time.

H. Blass, who studies in the same class, has sent in to the Academy—so far without success. He is employed as a scene painter in a theatre, and he has been too busy to get the bust, upon which he has been working, finished in time to submit this year.

A real "character" is Charles Ivanhoe, now unemployed. Always ready to talk about his work, he explains that Post Office vans are often included in his pictures because he once worked for the Postal Authorities.

This year he submitted to the Royal Academy a picture entitled "St. George's in the East," and another, "I Meet an Old Friend from the Emerald Isle," which is actually an excellent impression of Whitechapel Road.

"I have sold thirty pictures," said Ivanhoe. "Six of them hang in Metropolitan libraries. People like my pictures because they show them places they know. Everyone knows that shop, for example," he added, pointing to another Whitechapel drawing.

W. Halle is young and shy, but undoubtedly he has genius. For months he has been unemployed, but is now earning a very small wage painting cinema posters. He paints somewhat after the style of Pisarro. "A Study at Richmond" and "Warwick Squa[re]" above the average, even for the standard of Bethnal Green.

He is typical of those young [men] will sacrifice a great deal to world something worth while.

The "East London Group" [is] most helpful in introducing public a large number of [artists] would never have received [recognition] otherwise. Their annual shows [at] Lefebvre Galleries, St. James's [Street] have become a celebrated event.

Hawthorn, once an East End boy, achieved success through [his] ciation with this group, and the age of the famous Walter Sick[ert] is well known for his kindness struggling young artists.

Two brothers, W. J. Steggles Harold Steggles, also from [Bethnal] Green, became the shining light East London Group at its forma[tion].

Harold has remained true to [his] models, and still paints vivid impr[essions] of the East End streets. His brother gone farther eastwards, and p[ainted] Essex countryside.

Queerly enough, this man, wi[th] hood was spent in East Londo[n] paints in the tradition of the [19th] century, though with a modern [touch].

Moreover, his pictures have b[een] chased for public galleries—a[nd] goes to suggest that some of [our] Academicians of the future [may] have begun their lives in the h[umblest] and least auspicious circumstan[ces].

London Adventure

Readers who have not yet applied for JOHN BULL'S new presentation "The Wonderful Story of London" should do so at once. Final reservation forms appeared in last week's JOHN BULL, and the last day for receipt of these forms is Tuesday next, May 4.

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HINTS, TIPS *and* Useful Things to KNOW

by Molly Montague

I HARDLY expect that you have a bed of oysters growing on trees in your garden, but in such spots as Cuba, Trinidad and Colombia they're perfectly common. As far as the tide reaches and spray will fly, the oysters attach themselves to the trunks and lower branches of mangrove trees along the edges of the swamps and lagoons. Pretty useful sort of tree to know, isn't it? But so are some of the trees which add to British gardens. Now is the time for all good men to go to the aid of the fruit trees. Pests are on their tracks; and timely spraying and pruning will give you a lot more fruit later. Look out for red spiders, Magpie Moths and Gooseberry Sawfly especially. Spraying with arsenate of lead will attend to the two latter.

Have you ever noticed how drab your tan shoes often look after a hard winter's wear? To make them look bright again ready for the spring and approaching summer, the best course is to wash the shoes in a solution of warm soda water using a soft old flannel with a little soap. Dry thoroughly in the ordinary way with the inside of a banana skin, afterwards polish all over with a dark tan polish. One can then again emerge in the shoes and finish the season without a flush of shame in the sunshine!

If you make your own cakes, here is a "tip-and-a-half" from the baker who, you may not have heard, is To make your cakes rise evenly and without lumps, sift each tin of flour at least three times on to a piece of brown paper. Make a final sifting on to the waxproof paper. You will be surprised at the increase of your cake when baked. Another way to keep your cakes light is to always put the fruit in last. Clean the fruit by rubbing in dry flour. Then spread on a tin and put in a hot oven for a few minutes to heat before mixing the dry ingredients.

By the way, the sunshine shows up many dirty marks and homes which the darker days hid. I have a favourite cleaner, and when the sunshine revealed that my poor old friend looked quite pale and shabby. However, I found a means of restoring it to ruddy richness. Take equal parts of glycerine and linseed oil and apply with a soft brush. I repeated this several times until the mixture no longer sank into the wood. After this, I let it remain for a week, and then wiped the surplus off. Soon, I shall be able to use it again, but the chair must not be used until it is completely dry. After all, the chair has given years of uncomplaining service, so I can't very well begrudge it this well-earned rest.

It is always useful to remember that paraffin or turpentine applied to joints, cracks, and unpolished parts of furniture prevents beetles laying their eggs in it. Cockroaches are best got rid of by means of the various insect powders on the market.

When some of us look round on our well-worn furniture and sigh for a new suite which the exchequer will not permit, a complete change in the appearance of a room can be made by having a set of loose covers for the armchairs and settee. When buying new covers it is a good idea to buy sufficient material to make head and arm rests, because light patterns quickly become soiled where the hands or brilliantined heads rest. These extra head and arm rests can be fixed in position with press studs, so that they can quickly be removed, washed and put in position again. I know of nothing more cheering than a new set of loose covers.

A Tale of Trouble Soon Ended

Some time ago I called upon a friend of mine whom I hadn't seen for years. "My dear," I gasped when I saw her, "What has happened to you? You've aged twenty years." I wasn't being catty—she *really* had got haggard and worn about the face and when she *walked*—or tried to walk—well, I nearly cried to see her. She could hardly move. I knew that she had a tendency to rheumatic complaints even as a child. I remember that she had paid visits to various spas to take the waters. It appears that, in spite of this, her rheumatism had been getting worse and worse. Her legs, hands, and finally her back were affected until life was a misery for her. Her husband was not wealthy but he willingly paid out for various expensive treatments; specialists were called in—all in the endeavour to alleviate her pain, but to no purpose, for the Rheumatism had such a firm hold upon her, it seemed impossible that the Uric Acid crystals could ever be dispersed.

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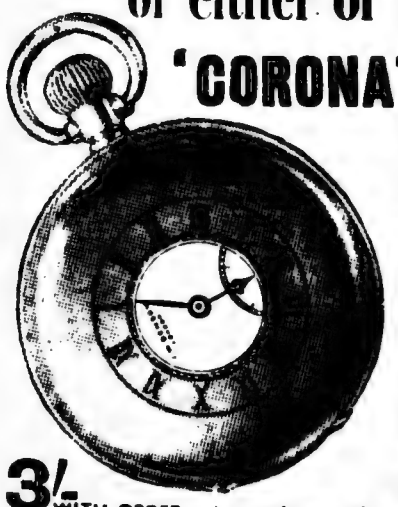

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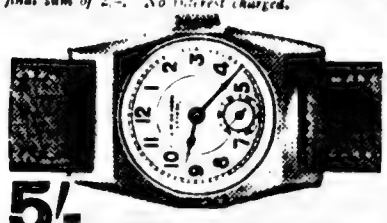

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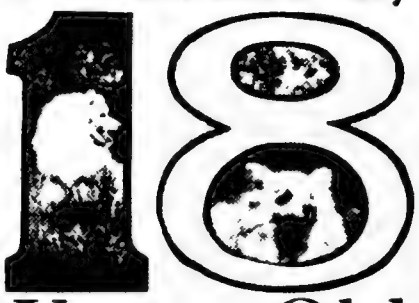

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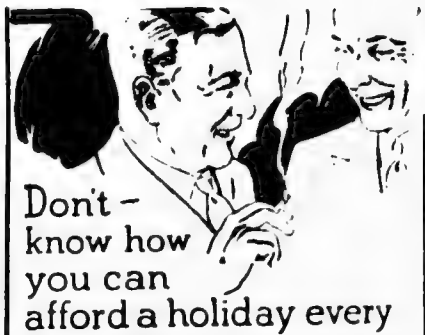

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LOVE-GIFT MYSTERY

Conrad Phillips is visiting registered readers in their homes and retelling their big thrill. £5 5s. is paid for each story published. This week's story is from Registered Reader No. 64233 Miss I. J. Knowles, 11, Carey Mansions, S.W.1.

I FIRST saw the brooch about two days after I had arrived at the boarding-house. Its owner—an old lady of nearly seventy—was wearing it at dinner that night. Despite her age, she was well preserved.

She was tall, stately and rather thin. Her face still showed evidence of former beauty.

It struck me that at some time she had been the main character in a tragedy. The brooch she wore was set with diamonds.

I had heard that the old lady was rather eccentric.

She had no visitors. Only very rarely did she venture out.

For the most part she sat and gazed despondently out of the window as if she were expecting to see somebody.

About two weeks after I arrived there was considerable excitement in the lounge. It transpired that the old lady had been seen talking to one of the guests, a young man of about twenty-five. He had arrived only the day before.

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When I went into the dining-room that night they were sitting together at the table near the window. The young man seemed to be charming. He did most of the talking.

I suppose at first it was my curiosity that made me want to know the old lady.

One night, when most of the other guests were out, I saw her knitting in the lounge. I did not speak for some time, as I felt that she wanted to be silent. While I sat there I studied the brooch. The close view enabled me to see it at its best. It was really beautiful.

"You are admiring my brooch," she said.

When I told her that I thought it one of the finest of its kind I'd ever seen, she smiled. Then she told me its history.

It had, she began, been given to her by a man many years ago. He had loved her. But before they could be married he had died. Since then she had been more or less on her own.

"It was," she said, "the one and only time I have loved.

"I treasure this brooch as I treasure the memory of the man who gave it to me.

Then she hinted at poverty. By what she said, I inferred that she had had the greatest trouble making both ends meet.

"When the time comes, as it surely must," she said, "when I am without money, I shall die."

When the young man came into the room, they went off into the writing room, and that was the last I saw of them that night.

I suppose that it must have been a week later that it happened. I was late getting up that morning. When I got downstairs the place was in an uproar.

There were policemen in the hall, maids were standing about with open mouths.

Having left the boarding-house early the previous night, and not getting back until very late, I had missed something that had happened.

The landlady told me the story. It appeared that the old lady had been found dead in her bed. On knocking at her bedroom door the chambermaid had smelt escaping gas. To get into the room it had been necessary to force the lock. Clad only in her night attire, the poor soul was lying dead.

The maid smelt gas . . . the door was forced open . . .

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When the police arrived they found that the deceased was penniless, and the only things of any value in her room were her clothes and the brooch.

The inquest was held a day or two afterwards.

I attended it with the landlady. On the way down she told me that the young man who had been so friendly with the lady had left her house the day before the tragedy.

She was under the impression that he was not to be trusted, that he had something to do with her death. Personally, I could not see what connection he could possibly have with the case.

There were only a few people in the room where the inquest was held. The jury consisted of local people. The first witness of any interest was the young man who had been making enquiries. He could find no living relative of the deceased.

One of the other guests, who had been at the boarding-house longer than I, came forward and said more about what the old lady had told me.

My landlady followed her. She said that the old lady had been staying with her for over two years. On her arrival she had told the landlady that she had been living abroad. Right up to the time of death she had paid her rent regularly.

"Were you aware that she intended to pawn things?" the coroner asked.

The landlady nodded affirmatively.

"She had, I understand," the coroner added, "quite a quantity of jewellery when she first came to you?"

"Yes—a number of rings."

"Did she ever receive any parcels?"

"No, sir. I never remember her ever receiving a letter."

That concluded her evidence.

The next witness was the local pawnbroker. He had, he said, known the deceased for nearly two years. During that time she had come to his shop with various rings.

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Altogether he must have paid her over £220. The last time he saw her was the day of the tragedy. She had come with a brooch to pledge.

"Was it like this one?" the coroner asked, as he handed the witness a brooch which looked like the one I had seen the old lady wearing.

"It looks like the same one," the pawnbroker replied. "I could not lend her anything on it because of the stones being so small."

"What would it be worth?"

"Only about five shillings—I think."

This revelation surprised me. It seemed scarcely possible that the lady who had professed to love the brooch would have given her a paste one.

When the coroner summed up he said that it was plain that the deceased had taken her own life owing to destitution.

"No doubt," he said, "this poor unfortunate woman had seen better days. For some reason which we shall never know she had been reduced to straitened circumstances."

He went on to say that things had at length become so bad that she had been compelled to sell her jewels. When these were all gone she could see complete destitution, with the consequence that she took her life.

She had done this while her mind was unbalanced. It was therefore safe to assume that at the time of the deed she was of unsound mind.

That was the verdict of the jury.

On my way back to the boarding-house I was haunted by persistent thoughts. Was it possible for the young man who had made a friend of the old lady to steal her brooch and dispose of it?

This seemed more probable, I thought, than the idea that her fiance had given her one of paste.

The truth, however, will never be known.

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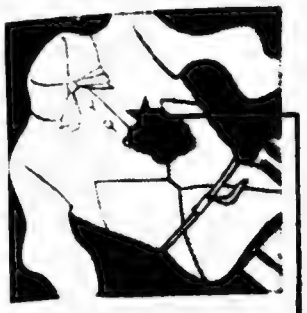

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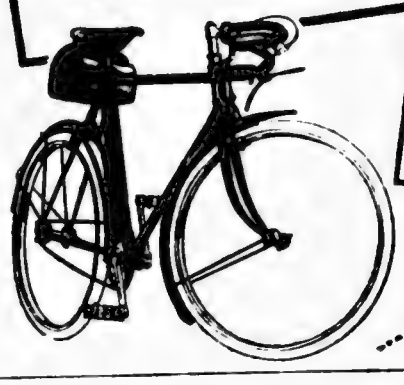

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The Forgotten Prisoner

Within the gates are prisoners the public seldom remembers

BEHIND the gates of the prisons of Britain there is very serious unrest.

Lately, sensational suggestions were made in the general newspapers of renewed trouble among the convicts of Dartmoor; the hint of a coming mutiny fixed for Coronation Day.

Before that, publicity was given to a story of acute trouble in Wandsworth jail, and an extra force of 200 officers being rushed from the training-centre at Wakefield to that London prison.

Official denials from the Home Office followed both statements. We were led to suppose that the prison system was working smoothly and well; that the difficulties arising in different prisons were small matters of internal discipline.

So on the surface—as indicated by Whitehall—it is a case of "all quiet on the prison front."

What is the real truth from the prisons?

It is just this: The whole prison service of the country is seething with discontent.

Prison officers have more legitimate grievances than prisoners. They are among the worst paid and treated State employees, having regard to the nature and importance of their work.

Urgently needed is a public enquiry into the conditions of prison service, with a guarantee that the men who come forward and tell the truth shall in no way suffer for their evidence.

Care of prisoners to-day, when so many ideas of reform have to be put into force, calls for more skill and higher qualities of character than ever before. The service should be made attractive enough to bring in the best type of men and women.

Instead, the service brings inadequate pay; intolerable monotony; frequently wretched quarters, and small pension.

The average wage of a prison officer is £1 a week less than that of a police constable.

Maximum wage in the prison service for an ordinary officer is 70s. a week, and it takes from twelve to seventeen years to attain that splendid amount. A policeman in a country district, with a comfortable house and the same length of service, gets nearly £5 a week.

The average age for recruitment of prison officers is twenty-eight, whereas men of twenty-one can join the police, and qualify for pension after twenty-five years.

A policeman is entitled to a maximum of two-thirds his pay as pension on retirement, whereas a prison officer receives a pension of only half his pay. The normal pension of a prison officer is only 30s. a week.

Women prison officers are treated even more scurvily. They begin, after probation, at 40s. a week, rising for the ordinary grade to £2 7s., with, of course, uniform and quarters.

Promotion is hard to win. The best that an ambitious, skilful prison officer can reasonably hope for is a post as chief officer with salary of £6 5s. a week. A principal officer—next below a chief officer—receives £4 5s. 6d. per week, for which his responsibilities are great.

Contrast this with a policeman, who can rise without difficulty to the position of chief inspector or superintendent, with a salary of approximately £750 a year.

Higher positions in the prison service are rarely attained by men from the rank and file.

During recent years there has been, under Home Office order, a "tightening up" in the routine of all prison officers. More and more work has been allocated to the men. Three officers are now expected to do the duty of four.

Under this system there cannot be the same strict supervision of prisoners. The risk of trouble is increased, and the strain on the individual officer becomes intolerable.

Among the officers there is the same dread of Dartmoor as with convicts.

That desolate prison settlement, with its winter mists and dampness, means terrible isolation. Yet at any time a prison officer may be ordered to "the Moor," with his wife and family.

Married quarters at Princetown, the village of the prison, are frankly a disgrace.

It would be well if the Prison Commissioners received a deputation from the wives of the Dartmoor officers and listened with attention to what the women have to say about the official homes provided.

For women to live at Princetown during six months of the year is just unhappy exile.

As for the unmarried prison officers, who live in uncomfortable barracks, they must keep a curfew. They must be back in prison at ten o'clock at night. They have no sort of social life.

An officers' club provides them with small amenities, and for relaxation they must travel to Plymouth—at their own expense—and always watch the curfew hour.

Taking every prison in the country, this fact is plain from the statements made to JOHN BULL, each one of them is understaffed.

Conditions in the Scottish prisons, from the officers' point of view, are said to be worse than in England—if that is possible.

The men at Glasgow jail have grievances which if framed in a petition to the Scottish Office would make a document of many pages.

Punishment of officers for any breach of regulations is harshly drastic. Dismissal from the service follows automatically for many comparatively minor offences. Frequently there is [illegible] injustice. Readers may recall [illegible] of two senior officers dismissed [illegible] escape of a prisoner from Ox[illegible]

Both were supposed [illegible] given false testimony [illegible] prisoner was in his [illegible] one evening. It was [illegible] time question of minutes the [illegible] held to be blameworthy, and [illegible] missed with loss of all pension [illegible]

Subsequently evidence was [illegible] show that the two officers were right in their statements. An [illegible] the Home Office to reopen [illegible] matter has met with no respons[illegible] consideration might well prove [illegible] officers were innocent of any [illegible] should not have been pun[illegible] drastically.

The Prison Commissioners [illegible] well to take notice of the fire [illegible] smouldering in the ranks of [illegible] who safeguard the prisons [illegible] country.

The prison officer may not [illegible] speak for himself. To John [illegible] therefore is left the ventilation [illegible] scandal of Whitehall administ[illegible]

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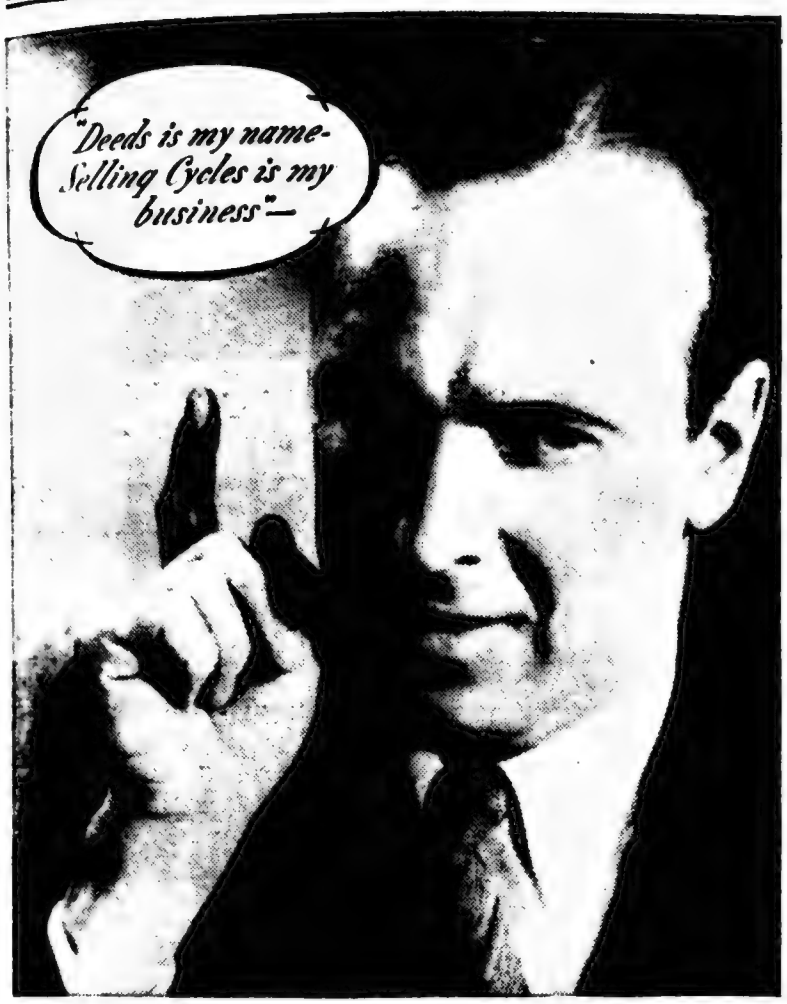

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"ENGLAND, with all thy faults, I love thee still," said Cowper. Many a wife says the same thing about her husband. She may love him, but that does not blind her to his failings. Let me tell of three women who complain of:

A husband who is always tired.

A husband who is too attentive to other girls, and

A husband who shirks his responsibilities.

Take Number 1.—Here is this correspondent's letter:

We have been married twelve years and have a good income and a very comfortable home. When we were first married we both danced, played tennis, delighted in lovely walks, and enjoyed our holidays.

Now, although my husband is only thirty-five years old, he always says that he is too tired to play or go to the theatre or pictures; too tired even for a game of cards. He will go to bed about 8 o'clock, tired out. It is true he has to rise at 5 a.m., but he does no manual labour. He does not like me to go out alone and will not allow me to have a friend.

Consequently, I am left alone hour after hour, and I become terribly depressed and nervy. We love each other very much, and I am always unhappy when I am away from him. He will not see a doctor as he says he is all right in health, but don't you think he is too young to get into this state?

NOW let me deal with the salient points in this letter. This young man presumably starts work very early in the morning for him to have to rise at 5 o'clock. In order to do his job effectively he probably feels he must retire early at night. By going to bed at 8 o'clock it gives him nine hours' sleep. Is that too much?

My correspondent says that: "When we were first married we danced, played tennis," etc. I wonder if her husband had to rise early in those days. If so, it proves that he could do with less sleep than he is having now. And in that case, I certainly think he should see a doctor and be overhauled by him.

The matter is entirely different, however, if this early rising is of recent origin, and in that case his wife must adapt herself to the new conditions. After all, she has many compensations.

She loves her husband, has a comfortable home, and a good income. But I think her husband is wrong in refusing to allow her to have a friend. Let him go to bed early by all means. But his wife should not have to spend many hours in loneliness.

My second letter is from the wife who feels that her husband shows too much attention to other girls.

We have been married fourteen years and have one little boy. Our home life has been quite happy, and my husband and I are still very much in love with each other. Yet in spite of his assurances on that point, I am very miserable, for when I am out with him he takes so much interest in any attractive woman.

If we are on a 'bus or a train he will stare in admiration at anybody who appeals to him, and it makes me feel so uncomfortable, for I am very sensitive. I feel that if he is like this when I am with him he may be worse when I am not. I have pretended not to notice it in the past, but recently have spoken to him about it and have told him how it humiliates me.

He accused me of being jealous, and now seems to do it all the more. I am only thirty-one years old, and am still considered attractive, and I always take a great personal interest in my appearance. I should be very grateful if you would advise me what to do.

REAL love is the most unselfish thing in the world. It never willingly causes pain. And yet I am told that this man is very much in love with his wife. Then why does he persist in staring at other women when he knows how much it displeases her?

Her husband accuses her of jealousy. Let us see if there is justification for that charge. She says: "If he looks at women when I am with him he may be worse when I am not there." That is just what jealousy does. It fosters fears and suspicions and makes mountains out of molehills. This woman has been married for fourteen years, and apparently has had no cause to mistrust her husband. She must not manufacture one now.

Jealousy is the most pernicious of all weeds. It quickly grows and spreads. I advise this woman to nip it in the bud before it can do so. Let her do that and her husband give up his tantalising and objectionable habit.

And now let me turn to the husband who will not face up to his responsibilities. This girl has been married to him for fifteen months. He is in regular work, earning quite a good salary. But it was agreed that after a few months they should go and live in Canada, where his people are in business.

"Two months after our marriage," the letter continues, "my husband suggested that, as we were not saving anything to pay for our fares to Canada, I should go and live at home for a time and he would get lodgings. I did so, but within a month he said he could not be away from me, and so mother agreed that he should live with us also, and he pays her twenty-five shillings a week.

"We worked it out that he could save at least thirty shillings out of his wages, but after our being with my parents for nearly twelve months I find he has not saved a penny. Now he tells me that his parents are not keen for us to go to them as they think he is better off over here.

"It is a great disappointment, as I have looked forward to going to Canada, and I naturally want a home of my own. I have asked my mother to turn us out, but she is one of the best and refuses to do so. She is also very fond of my husband, and says I am lucky to have one like him.

"I want to say that, apart from having no sense of responsibility, he is all one could wish for—kind, thoughtful, and obviously very much in love with me. I love him, too, but I feel that unless things alter I shall lose my respect for him, and surely unless there is respect there can be no love."

This girl obviously set her h... going to Canada. Her ... parents, however, discourage ... and I think it would be foo... to persist in it.

She does not want to lea... tions and friends only to f... unwelcome in a strange cou... would it be wise for her hus... up his regular work here ... is no certainty of emp... there. I advise her, therefo... up her mind to stay in Eng...

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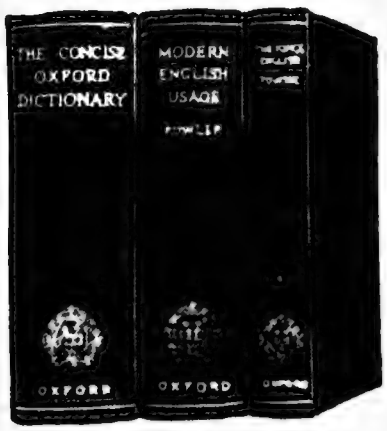

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To-day, when my husband is unemployed, that boy is nineteen.

But the authorities now insist that every penny he earns must be taken into consideration in the assessment of assistance to us.—MRS. E. MARSHALL, Hunts Cottages, Castleford, Yorks.

Perfect illustration of Means Test iniquities.

The Facts

CAN any authentic information be given as to the actual extent to which hospitals benefit from sweepstakes supposed to be conducted on their behalf?—ALEX. TURNER, East Princes Street, Helensburgh.

Principal hospitals in Irish Free State state that they are worse off than when they were dependent on voluntary support, which has almost completely ceased.

No Applause

WEIGHT of public opinion will surely quash the new proposal being made in several large cities that individual gifts and entertainment to children at Coronation time should be dispensed with and the money devoted to endowment of beds in the children's wards of hospitals.—L. J. STALKER, Countess Street, Accrington.

Serious suggestion has been made that at Poole (Dorset) children's commemoration of Coronation should be endowment of a dental chair at schools' clinic.

Potato Problem

A MAD world, my masters!

I got the final evidence of it to-day.

This morning the newspapers described the efforts of British steamers to run the Bilbao blockade with cargoes of British-grown potatoes for starving Spanish women and children.

An hour or two later I walked through central London and saw notices outside the greengrocers' shops—"New Spanish Potatoes."—HUBERT HENLEY, Milkwood Road, Herne Hill, S.E.

Explanation is that Spanish potato growing district is unmenaced but is cut off from beleaguered Bilbao.

The Official Mind

UPON registering at the employment exchange, I was asked by the officer, "What is your chief occupation?"

"Photography," I replied.

"That is nothing," the official retorted. "Can't you do anything useful, such as using a pick and shovel?"—L. HARRISON, Walsall Wood, Aldridge, Walsall.

Another reader states that when he registered as a haberdasher, the description was altered to "vendor of gentlemen's underwear."

Harsh Demand

AFTER eight years' Army and twenty-five years' police service, I willingly consented to my only son enlisting in the Royal Corps of Signals as a boy.

Now he has nearly seven years' service and has asked for leave from Egypt.

Three months' furlough has been granted—on condition that I contribute £20 to the passage money.—J. HARRISON, Halfway House, Hawes, Yorks.

Much dissatisfaction among soldiers on foreign service would be removed if free furlough passage were provided in the troopships which are constantly sailing.

Guarding Life

DETROIT, from which I have returned, has the busiest street intersections in the world.

Traffic accidents among children are negligible, however, because five minutes before the schools disperse, the older boys, supplied with an armlet and flag, take up control positions at the crossings.—ROBERT SIMPSON, Stenhouse Street, Cowdenbeath.

Excellent results are being obtained in many British schools by devoting two minutes to a "safety" talk immediately before classes break up.

Spoiled by Speed

OUR schools' medical service loses a great deal of its value because, owing to staff inadequacy, doctors have to rush the children through the examinations at the rate of ten an hour.—W. SCOTT, Ivyhurst, Laindon, Essex.

And in the six minutes available per child the doctor has to fill up a form with thirty-five items and find time to speak to the parents.

Illogical

GREAT numbers of young married people have refrained from having children for want of accommodation. They have been waiting for council houses before beginning to rear families.

Now local authorities all over the country are erasing the names of childless couples from the waiting lists of house applicants.—MRS. G. B. THOMAS, Clarence Road, Harborne, Birmingham, 17.

This ludicrous decision will be challenged in Parliament next week.

Public Service

MY wife and I were in despair as to how our baby was to be provided for in a home darkened by unemployment.

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Twice as many parents are taking advantage of clinics' service as four years ago.

Too Rigid

NEXT week my son will be fourteen.

He has been offered excellent employment at a commencing wage of 15s. a week—on condition that he starts at once.

But the education authorities refuse to allow him to leave school [illegible] the end of the term, two months [illegible].—MRS. J. RATCLIFFE, Ruddle M[illegible] St. Austell, Cornwall.

It is ridiculous that in present circumstances this rule should be so inflexibly applied, even when employment can be proved to be available.

Sum in Smoke

FOR twenty years my husband has smoked fifteen cigarettes a day.

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And, allowing one match per cigarette, he has used 2,184 boxes of matches for smoking purposes alone.—MRS. J. HILTON, Aklet Road, Govan, Glasgow.

Also, counting twelve minutes per smoke, he has had a cigarette between his lips for two and a half years.

Boycott Them!

THIRTY years of trade union [illegible] convinces me that the most appalling labour conditions are those [illegible] on women assistants in [illegible] shops, which are still multiplying.

Ninety-five hours a week [illegible] wages, no respites for meals, no [illegible] for rest, no holidays, no Sunday [illegible]—these are the terms on which "cut-price" traders must engage staff [illegible] their type of business possible.—[illegible] FOWLER, Hope Street, Liverpool.

Legislation for better control of shop workers' hours and wages would crush these enterprises.

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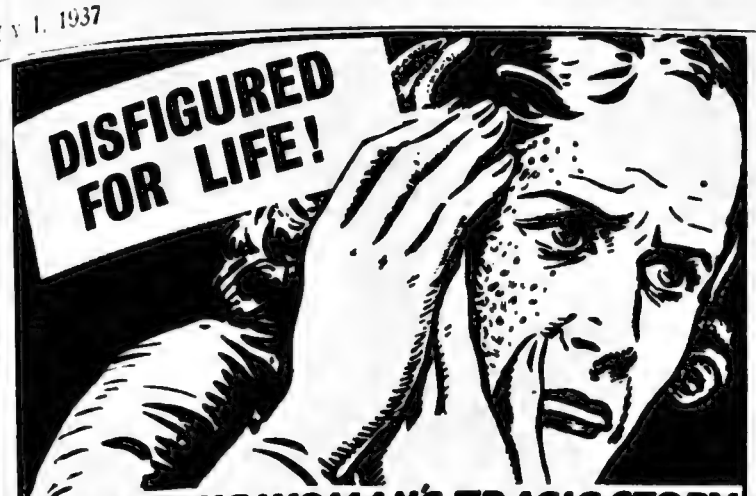

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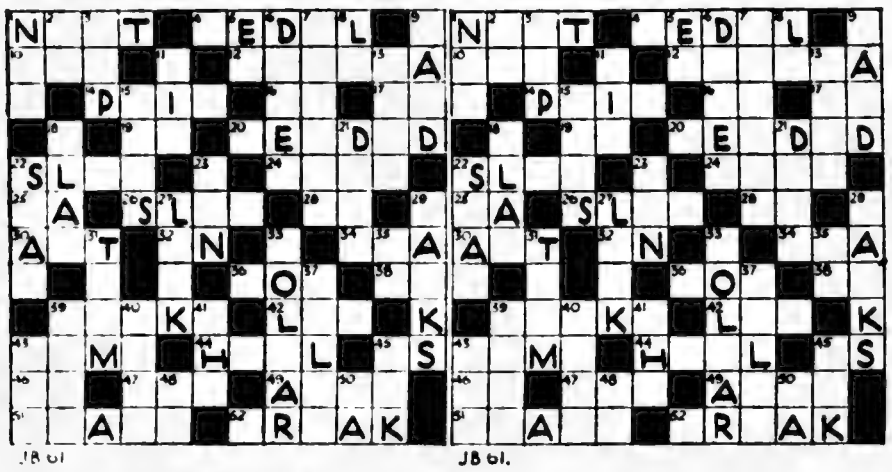

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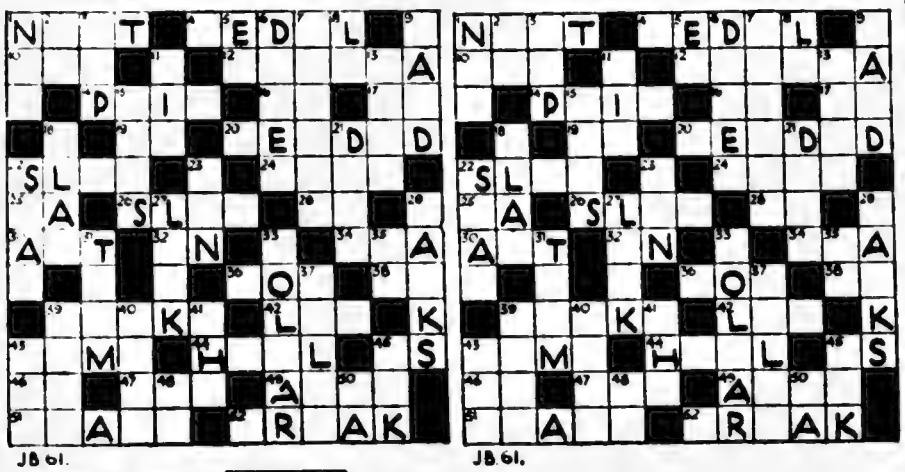

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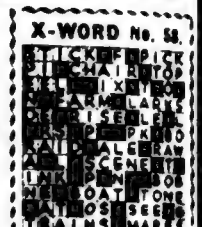
CLUES ACROSS.

1. Trim and tidy
4. This may help you to get on
10. Unwell
12. Once had a Czar
14. Window cleaner gets, for his work
16. Part of split in apple
17. In middle of picnic
19. End of revolt
20. Garden is, to get plenty of good plants
22. When card player gets this his opponents are annoyed
24. This document transfers property
25. Heart of bear
26. Suit is easily ruined by one
28. Head and tail of python
30. Tiny insect in decanter
32. Forward
34. Caddy holds this
36. It's difficult to ride one
38. Short for doctor
39. Noises made by dog
42. Doesn't help traveller when answering Customs Officer's questions
43. Family lives in one
44. Sides of this usually rise up steeply
45. Tailless ass
46. Automobile Association
47. Card in place
49. Periods of time in cases
51. Gets licked and put in corner
52. Oil may help to prevent this of machine

CLUES DOWN.

1. May cause discoloration of your finger
2. Common to elk and stand
3. Swiss mountain
5. Finishes career
6. Tricked
7. Sleeping
8. Remove snake from ladders
9. Soldiers must have this to keep spirits up under difficulties
11. Good row may make you this
13. Coated with sugar
15. Money given to the poor
18. May be needed for big dinner-party
21. Hollow made by blow
22. Wax is often used on this
23. More appreciated when neat
27. Straightforward one makes things easier for cracksman
29. It may pay authorities to cultivate one
31. Man in charge of one has to put his foot down at times
33. One for a dog is not very dear
35. Editor, in short
37. Found at bottom of boat
39. Oars are needed to row one
40. 20 quires of paper
41. Commences shelling
43. Possesses
45. Inquire
48. Beginning and end of eros
50. Bit of meal in bread

X-WORD No. 58.



Winners on Page 38

The Adjudication Committee decided that the most apt and accurate Answers used by competitors were those seen in the Square above.

Reasons for Committee's findings will appear in next week's "Crossword Gazette."

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These miniature reproductions of this week's puzzle are only to be used for keeping copies of your solutions, and are not accepted as entries.

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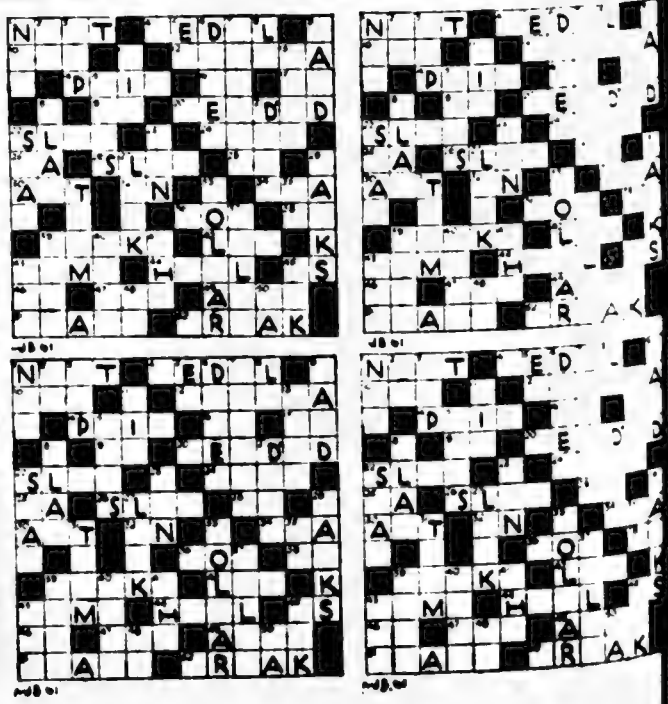
NEWS-AGENT'S PRIZE

A special prize of £5 will be awarded to the Newsagent from whom this competition's First Prize-winner usually purchases his copy of "JOHN BULL." Should the First Prize be shared the £5 will be divided between sharers' Newsagents.



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ADDRESS ENTRY: CROSSWORD NO. 61, "JOHN BULL," 57, LONG ACRE, LONDON, W.C.2 (Comp.)

The Editor Laughs Last

"Take it round the back door in future."
—From "The Passing Show."

IF you are troubled by any matter—except, of course, of a medical nature—you can obtain free expert advice that will help you. A stamped and addressed envelope marked "Free Advice" is all that you have to send with your query. Write to-day. The replies given on this page to facetious correspondents are for your entertainment.

BANKER (West End).—"Sovereigns and half-sovereigns are always arresting." So are coppers.

TAILOR (Shoreditch).—"I must devise a scheme to improve my sales of [illegible] trousers." They need bracing up?

F. J. (Manchester).—"It is wise to back a horse that will stay." With a bookmaker of similar characteristics.

A. B. (Derby).—"I know a wrestler who is a keen angler." We suppose he fishes under the catch-as-catch-can rules.

C. N. (Moorgate).—"There is a boom in the gramophone trade." A record year about?

S. N. (Sydenham).—"The fault with after-dinner orators is that they don't know when to stop." Or sit down.

FATHER (Hants).—"I keep a good watch over our baby playing with a hammer." And give him a dud one?

TENOR (Perranporth).—"It is my ambition to be a singer of the highest class." A soprano?

GARDENER (Truro).—"I find that clipping trees and shrubs keeps me fit." In what way?

B. T. (Essex).—"Our first council meeting was a very short one." Just a matter of minutes?

W. C. M. (Bexley).—"My neighbour, a promising young golf professional, has just bought a new car to get easily to the links." His driving should improve.

SECRETARY (Norbury).—"For our football ground next year we are buying some land which belongs to a laundry." It would be a good drying pitch.

BARITONE (Chepstow).—"A man in the audience asked me if I knew 'The Road to Mandalay.'" Did he want you to sing it or take it?

L. M. (Rochester).—"My new process will change milk into sheet-form like paper." Of course, the best quality will be cream-laid.

GROCER (Kennington).—"A customer asked me for some very old cheese, but he had just run out." We trust it returned.

SAILOR (Devonport).—"I have noticed in the course of my travels that the best cure for seasickness is a good dose of brandy." We would rather have port.

ACTOR (Birmingham).—"I very much doubt whether I can master the Irish brogue necessary for my next role." You'd better get it off Pat.

G. C. (Bournemouth).—"If it costs me my last halfpenny, I am going to let my son learn to play the violin." It will mean a scrape.

LODGER (Peterborough).—"When I got down to breakfast I found no meal ready while my landlady was listening to some dance music." So you naturally started to dance?

T. S. (Devonport).—"Although a bit of an expert, I didn't volunteer any opinion during the argument on the correct method of rowing." You preferred to paddle your own canoe.

NERVOUS (Perranporth).—"Since an old mine shaft collapsed here a little while ago the inhabitants are naturally worried lest any repetition should occur." Naturally, it is a matter of deep concern.

L. B. (Dartmouth).—"A single girl must be prepared to wait a long time for a husband." What about the married woman?

MOTORIST (Parkstone).—"Any fool can learn to ride a cycle." And you, of course, consider that most of them do.

LAMPLIGHTER (Poole).—"The world seems a very dreary place to me." But you do your best to brighten it up.

B. M. (Tamworth).—"My brother swears that he was thrown off his bicycle by a ghost." A spook in his wheel?

L. P. (Reading).—"The solicitor told me that I hadn't a leg to stand on." So you had to foot his bill.

HUBBY (Wolverhampton).—"I went out when my wife wanted me to clean a carpet." You beat it?

HORSEMAN (Hants).—"I never worry about what kind of a saddle I use." Such things are beneath you.

AMBITIOUS (Liverpool).—"First I want to make money." Then you'll want to make it last.

B. M. (Rugby).—"I always insist on meeting my obligations." No matter how long she keeps you hanging around?

T. (Calthorpe).—"Many goods are now being offered on a trial and approved system." Except parachutes.

D. S. H. (Putney).—"I rub my hands together when I think of the coming summer." It makes us feel cold, too.

W. S. (Battersea).—"The worst part of going home drunk is not being able to find the keyhole." Or finding too many.

HISTORIAN (Hampstead).—"How thrilled Queen Elizabeth must have been by Sir Walter Raleigh's chivalry." She was on velvet.

W. S. (Banstead).—"A man who can call some of these atrociously built houses an ideal home is a fool." Or an estate agent.

DORIS (Manchester).—"I was furious when the gas went out and he lit his lighter." You wanted him to strike a match?

P. E. N. (Edgbaston).—"I gave my reason for being late that I had been badly kicked while playing football and could hardly walk." A lame excuse.

N. W. (Exeter).—"I attribute my business success to the fact that I live over my shop." You're on top of your job, so to speak.

ANTI-LITTER (Wilts).—"I would like to see a law passed against picnickers that farmers should lock every gate." They'd soon get over it.

TOM (Dublin).—"The gardeners were having a heated argument about the pruning of the roses." It was a thorny subject.

L. T. (Shrewsbury).—"I bought a building plot but up to now I have not been able to build a house on it. What I shall do I do not know." Don't dwell on it.

DINER (Southsea).—"When I asked the waiter for something to put on my chop, he was quite rude to me." And gave you plenty of sauce?

NURSERYMAN (Kent).—"Although my brother and I usually get on well together, we always quarrel when working in the same greenhouse." The atmosphere becomes a little heated.

HISTORIAN (Penge).—"The cave-man did not know what real love was like." We bet he had a rough idea though!

DYER (Leeds).—"After a long day dyeing navy serge I feel as if I never want to see any more." You feel blue

PORTER (West End).—"Unless a man is well turned out I have instructions not to admit him." If he is not, he is well turned out?

C. M. (Chester).—"What do you call a man who is familiar with many tongues?" A doctor

B. E. (Rugby).—"He told me that he cursed the very day he was born." Precocious!

T. J. (Clacton).—"When I spoke to the locksmith he ran away." Made a bolt for the door, in fact.

OCTOGENARIAN (Sutton).—"If I had my choice I would be a child before anything else." You were.

P. G. (Stockport).—"Munition factories are working at full blast." Going great guns, in fact.

W. S. (Lowestoft).—"My neighbour lives on cheese and onions alone." He certainly ought to!

C. C. (Tooting).—"What is better than having a friend you can trust?" Having a friend who will trust you.

FLAPPER (Brighton).—"Will you please tell me the best thing for jade-green finger-nails?" Soap and water.

GLOVER (Castle Cary).—"I never wear gloves, although I am engaged all day in making them." You are glad to get your work off your hands.

R. N. (Pimlico).—"My job is making mattresses, but when I have finished my day's work I like to forget it." You turn your back to one?

TEETOTALER (Durham).—"All that a glass of beer does is to make a man more thirsty." Especially if the other chap is paying.

E. R. (Watton).—"There is a certain percentage of starch in almost all foods." Maybe that explains why some prices are so stiff.

P. J. M. (Littlehampton).—"Can you suggest a practical present for my fiancée?" How about a room full of furniture, with a share of a £500 fortune on your wedding day? You can win both on page 39.

C. V. (Leigh).—"The majority of cricketers and footballers are quite useless when it comes to golf." So are the majority of golfers.

PHOTOGRAPHER (Kew).—"To let him have my impressions I sent him a series of photographs by the night mail." You expressed your views, as it were.

L. M. (Kingsley).—"As I turned round she threw the butter at me and it stuck to my coat. But I kept my temper and passed it off as a compliment." A pat on the back, in fact.

(Many replies unavoidably held over)

SIDE-SLIPS

Examples of unconscious humour from the current Press are welcomed. Actual cuttings must be sent, 2/6 is paid to the sender of each item published. Mark envelopes "Side-Slips."

BIRKENHEAD ADVERTISER: —"... manageress of the stores, said the premises were SEVERELY fastened when she left ..."

WEST HERTS POST AND WATFORD NEWSLETTER:—"... and the newcomer will find someone there at 10 PER CENT. any Sunday morning and will always be welcome."

NIGERIAN DAILY TIMES: —"Lorry Drivers Warned—Gaol For WRECKLESS Driving."

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE REPORTER: —"Eighty all-MENTAL double-deck motor-bus bodies ..."

MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS:—"Stalybridge and Hyde division will produce a three-CORONERED contest."

THE ADVENTURE:—"... but dragged the medicine-man away and trussed him to a HOLE in the hut."

With apologies to GRACIE FIELDS

"Tha's reet laad!

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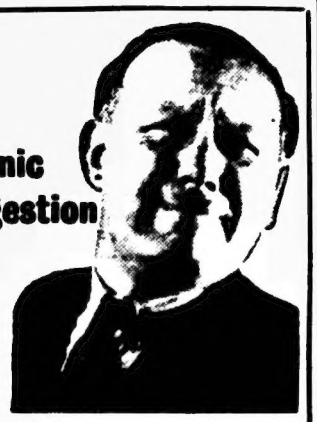

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From the time that he arrives at his office from his home at No. 7, Belsize Park Gardens, London, N.W., Mr. E. Chappell is at the mercy of the telephone on his desk. Sometimes, like most busy men, he wishes the caller at the bottom of the sea. But when he picked up the receiver the other Friday afternoon, it was to hear a message that made him feel on top of the world.

"Listen to this telegram for you from JOHN BULL," said his wife's excited voice: *"You have won the First Prize of £500 and Coronation Seats in 'Bullets' No. 1,066. . . ."*

Picking up the receiver a few minutes later, Mr. Chappell promptly rang up Long Acre. In response to his invitation, reports a JOHN BULL man, I walked round to his Kingsway office to meet our 1,066th First Prize-winner.

"I'm rather proud to have scored First Prize with a three-worder," was this middle-aged winner's first [illegible] his simple but striking *Bu[llets]* Days—WE HAVE "SEVEN."

"We haven't seven child[ren] he went on, with a smile [illegible] old hand in *Bullets*, I know [illegible] to use your imagination. A[nd] meaning of my effort. I [illegible] that the problem of ed[ucation] keeps us thinking all seven [days] week!"

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On the opposite page y[ou'll] interesting *Examples* [illegible] *Bullets* from your pen. G[et] the same common-sense [touch] Chappell, make sure that [your] postmarked not later [than] May 8, and a big JOHN B[ULL] Coronation Celebration [Party] be your reward.

RESULT OF "BULLETS" No. 1,067.

First Prize, £500 and Coronation Seats for Two:

J. B. TAYLOR, "Highgate," New Road, Armitage, Rugeley, Staffs.

Example: MORE SUNSHINE
Bullet: AND DRAINAGE *Schemes* "EVAPORATE."
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

SECOND PRIZE, £50:

E. W. LEY, The Barracks, Halifax.
Example: Wise Parents
Bullet: Teachers' Friends—Teachers' Friends.

THIRD PRIZE, £25:

L. VANE, c/o Mrs. Bolton, 46, Argyll Road, Westcliff-on-Sea.
Example: On The Jury
Bullet: Solomon—Sold Eleven Suits!
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

OTHER PRIZES:

£20: J. WALLEY, 16, Thornley Road, Stanfield, Tunstall, Staffs.
Cup Of Happiness—We've "Brewed"—We've Brood.

£10: L. MORTIMORE, 153, Shireland Road, Smethwick.
Dad Bought A Pup And—It Soon "Tasted Leather."

£9 10s.: E. M. SALE, 5, Shelley Grove, Southport.
To Celebrate The Coronation—Wednesday Shouldn't Spoil "Friday."
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

£9: J. R. TAYLOR, 19, Limbrick Road, Sheffield.
Poor Mr. Millionaire—"Colossus," Wishing Legs Steadier!

£8 10s.: W. G. CRITCHLOW, 26, North Street, Chester.
To Celebrate The Coronation—What Can We Pawn?

£8: S. G. VALENTINE, 12, Oxford Road, Windsor.
British Rule—"Keel" To "Statesmanship," India!

£7 10s.: R. E. DENNING, 87, St. Helens Road, Westcliff-on-Sea.
Taxpayer's View—"Stiff Hill"—Still, If——.

£7: A. R. TENNANT, 71, Caledon Road, Nottingham.
British Rule—Homing Natives? Football Spectators!

£6 10s.: W. FOWKES, 21, Hickings Lane, Nottingham.
Dangerous Job—Feeding Britain—Sea's "Hungry."

£6: A. SHORT, 32, Ensbury Park Road, Bournemouth.
Passing On—Britain, Overtaking "Marching" Nations.

£5 10s.: H. W. JONES, 22, Heathcroft, Ealing, London, W.
"Let Him Have It!"—Mussolini's Mother Always Said!

£5: S. WHEELER, 15a, Chain Street, Reading.
When Wages Rise—*Inhabitants* Arranging "Slum Clearance."

£4 10s.: F. HARSLEY, 2[illegible] Manchester.
Wise Parents—Run Their [illegible] tory."
(Entered on "Target" P[rize coupon.])

£4: L. MORRELL, 56, Park[illegible] Bramley.
Dad Bought A Pup And—N[ow] Lawyers Cars!

£3 10s.: G. BASSETT, [illegible] Cross, S.E.
More Sunshine—More [illegible] Timed!

£3: J. E. ALDERSON, [illegible] Ugly—And Beautiful To[illegible]

FIVE PRIZES OF £2

G. GILBERT, 43, Epsom R[illegible] Looking For Trouble—S[illegible] Eye!

F. HAYDEN, 38, Homer St. R[illegible] Woman In The House—Be[illegible] To.

E. MAYLES, 193, Blundell R[illegible] M.Jdx.
Wise Parents—Beat Sonny S[illegible] ing!

A. ORBELL, 16, Church St[illegible] Ipswich
Cup Of Happiness—To Bed[illegible] stairs.
(Entered on "Target" P[rize])

J. WILSON, 6, Victoria S[illegible] P[illegible]
Leading The Procession As[illegible] *Would* Attend!

Extra Cup Final Award. W[illegible] Award for highest [illegible] taining the word "Footba[ll]" [illegible] Mnant, 71, Caledon Road, N[illegible] effort secured £1.

Each of the above winners up to £[illegible] also receive a 30s. Folding Camera. A [illegible] 710 other winners of Cameras and 400 [illegible] can be seen at these offices.

"HEADINGS" RESULT

One competitor succeeded in and placing in order of merit best headings as decided by [illegible] namely:—

(1) Children In Peril.
(2) Home Stealers.
(3) Water In The Milk.

Accordingly, a £10 cheque is awarded to the winner, Mr. S. [illegible] Blackmore End, Braintree, Essex. Runners-up are also being despatched this week.

2 BIG CHEQUES WON IN CROSSWORD No. 58.

In connection with "John Bull" Crossword No. 58, the Adjudication Committee decided that the two most meritorious sets of Answers on one Square (see page 36) were the following two competitors:

Mrs. J. CRIGHTON, Township School, Rathmines, Dublin.
A. GRANT, 1, Petworth Street, London, S.W.11.

Subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Competition, these competitors share the First Prize of £100 and a cheque for £45 will be sent to each. Their awards are also accompanied by two Coronation Seats.

Any other entrant who believes that he submitted a Square eligible for a share of this Prize must obtain a Scrutiny by not later than First Post, Tuesday, May 4, sending £1 Scrutiny Fee, copy of all Answers submitted and Postal Order number. Envelope to be registered, marked "Scrutiny" and addressed to the Competition Editor of "John Bull."

No Scrutiny can be undertaken in connection with the £100 award to Runners-up. This Prize has been divided between 28 competitors from whom we received Squares inferior in merit by reason of only one apt and accurate Answer compared with the best Squares received. These winners will each receive £3 for each winning Square. A List of these Runners-up can be seen at the "John Bull" offices and all have been notified.

A useful Surprise Award for each of 655 entrants from whom we received a Square differing from those of Runners-up by only one less meritorious Answer will be posted this week.

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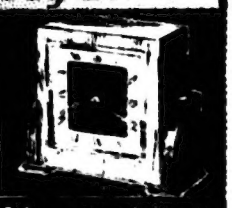

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Enter the best *Bullet* of this memorable Contest and on Friday, May 21, a golden Greetings Telegram will invite you, as that £500 First Prize-winner, to select from [illegible] showroom complete furniture, carpets and so on for your living-room or [illegible] up to the cost of £25.

But not only the home of the First Prize-winner is to be enriched by this offer. As many as 50 other entrants this week will be invited to select a superb 26-piece Canteen of Cutlery or an elegant 14-day Striking Clock in beautiful walnut to accompany their cash prizes ranging from £1 to £50.

Fancy having such a glorious opportunity to secure a magnificent and useful memento of the Coronation as well as a handsome cash prize. Make up your mind to enter *Bullets* this very evening—or, better still, now!

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS"

CARE and common-sense are the most important ingredients that go to the making of a prize *Bullet;* ease your fascinating job of making neat efforts by going to work in this sensible and systematic way.

Read slowly through the list of Examples and select a few on which to concentrate. Write these down and then add two or three comments to each Example. It does not matter how ordinary or crudely expressed these rough notes may be, they are just the kind of raw material from which winning efforts are shaped.

Now each of your completed *Bullets* must consist of TWO, THREE or FOUR words of apt and original comment, cleverly linked with the chosen *Example.* Your next step, then, is to turn your rough jottings into polished *Bullets.*

Suppose, for instance, that against the Example, YOUTH'S HERITAGE, you had scribbled, *Must Not Be Held Back By Tradition.* After a few minutes' thought you could readily produce from it the typical *Bullet,* YOUTH'S HERITAGE—PARLIAMENT'S "LAWYERS" MUSTN'T WITHHOLD.

To help you further, study carefully the good points of the leading winners in Bullets 1,067 Contest on the opposite page. Then make a start, for you cannot be a winner unless your entry is posted on or before Saturday, May 8.

Add 2, 3 or 4 words to any "Example"

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AGE OF MACHINERY
MY CONTRIBUTION
PACKET OF TROUBLE
THROUGH THE MUD
MOTORISTS v. POLICE
LEFT TO MOTHER
CHEATED
STOUT ALLIES
WORTH COPYING
HE'S A CRANK, SO
NO GUIDE
CONTINUALLY
MAKE UP YOUR MIND AND
"THAT'S THE WAY!"
WHEN SHE WON
RUBBING IT IN
SHOULD BE CONDEMNED
LETTING THE GRASS GROW
FINE FELLOW
TRAVELLING
BAD TIME
NOT A SOUND
DARNS AND PATCHES
SANDY'S EXTRAVAGANCE
DOUBTFUL
WHERE WE'LL GO
WITH A PINCH
IN DIGS
TO TEST HIM
TURNED UP
HIDEOUS
IN THE BEST CIRCLES
THE NEXT ACT
YOUTH'S HERITAGE
TAX WE'D WELCOME

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